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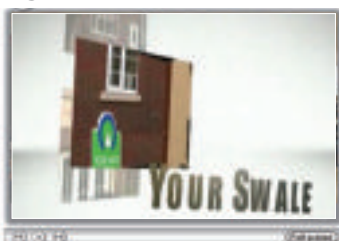
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Picture PHIL HOUGHTON



## IS ITS FUTURE IN DOUBT?

Unveiled in December, the memorial bench (pictured) for murdered couple Terry and Vera Martin is now causing controversy with people using it to drink and smoke.  
The local residents' association is even calling for the bench to be licensed to allow drinkers from a nearby pub to use it.

**EXCLUSIVE**

BY GARETH ARNOLD

THE memorial bench commemorating murdered Faversham couple Terry and Vera Martin is attracting anti-social drinkers according to neighbours who would like the seat moved.

The bench was relocated to the present site outside the Phoenix pub from the centre of town by the town council, but the Abbey Street Residents' Association have asked whether it should be licensed like a pub.

Amanda Mannering, secretary of the residents association, wrote: "The bench is causing concern to those who live at the top end of Abbey Street. This bench is in effect a free smoking and drinking bench for patrons of the pub and any other members of the public who may buy their drink elsewhere and want somewhere to sit and consume it. I'm writing to enquire whether a license is required to allow drinking on a public bench."

The seat was erected in memory of the Martins, who were murdered in their home by Brett Clifton two years ago.

Relatives and friends wanted to remember the elderly couple, who used to be seen walking hand in hand around the town.

Retiring Mayor of Faversham, Cllr Trevor Fentiman, said the town council moved the seat because it was the will of residents in Abbey Street.

He said: "You just can't please some people. Terry and Vera were well known people in the town and we want to remember them."

"If you provide a seat the chances are people

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# Fury as wind farm comes out of Shell

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

PROTEST groups in Graveney have claimed oil giant Shell's withdrawal from the London Array project at the beginning of the month shows the whole scheme is fundamentally flawed.

In a statement, the Graveney Environmental Action Team, who have mounted a long-running protest against locating the array's substation in the village, questioned the economic stability of the entire plan to build the world's largest wind farm 12 miles off the north Kent coast.

A Graveney Environmental Action Team spokesman said: "The fact that Shell has now decided to withdraw serves to highlight the questionable economics of the whole project."

"At the moment this development simply leads to more uncertainty in Graveney and an extension of the period of limbo for those most closely affected, but should the project ultimately fail there will be much relief in the community."

## Vicious

The ultimate failure of the project could be close at hand as Shell's former partners in the London Array, E.ON, expressed their own concerns over its future.

Yet Andrew Murfin, project director for London Array, said work would continue and Shell's withdrawal would not spell the end for the massive project.

He said: "As part of a review of projects and investment choices, Shell has taken the strategic decision to look at disposing of its shareholding in London Array."

"Meanwhile, work on key aspects of the project is continuing."

Shell's decision to pull out prompted vicious criticism from the Government and environmentalists



Picture: PHIL ROBERTSON

QUESTIONABLE: Will there be a wind farm?

alike. The company blamed rising costs, saying in a statement its outlay on the London Array had soared by 45 per cent since work started.

Faversham MP Hugh Robertson also criticised the decision, saying that hard won commitments to the local community in Graveney now looked uncertain.

He said: "I am disappointed by Shell's decision to sell their shareholding in London Array. It is clear that they have used their industrial muscle to obtain planning permission in order to make a profit. However, the local community, to whom they made a number of commitments, are now left wondering whether those commitments will be honoured."

The decision to build the substation on a green field site was roundly criticised.

Swale council opposed the application, but the decision to refuse permission was overturned by the Department of Communities and Local Government on appeal.

Construction on the 45ft-high substation itself has not yet started, but there is already a 400kV overhead line running through the area.

## Bench currently not under licensing laws

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are going to sit on it. Some people in Abbey Street want to have their cake and eat it."

The seat was placed outside the Phoenix pub where relatives of the Martins gathered for the funeral.

Landlord Brian Wharrad was unaware the bench would be sited outside the pub until it arrived.

He said: "Some people think I can control who sits on the bench; it's not my bench, it belongs to the town council. Terry and Vera were a lovely couple and deserve to be remembered, although I don't think some of the kids using the bench give much thought to what happened here."

"It's very sad. Some of the people drinking on the bench buy their drinks in Tesco, not here."

A spokesman for Swale council said benches were outside the licensing laws. She said: "If anyone sees people misbehaving on the bench they should call the police. You can't license a bench under the existing act."

## yourswale NEWS IN BRIEF

### Association plotting to get new members

MILLFIELD allotments are living, and growing, proof that community involvement works and now plot holders are looking for keen gardeners to take up the last few strips of land.

Over the last seven years the Millfield Allotments Association has transformed the site from a run-down, bramble strewn mess to a thriving area with a busy social calendar.

If you are interested in working a plot at either the Millfield Site or at North Preston please contact the committee's answer phone on 01795 530490.

### Doddington Place set to reveal rock garden

THE renovation of an historic rock garden built before World War One at Doddington Place is nearing completion.

Renovations which began in the winter of 2005-06 are now complete, with only the planting to be done.

Amicia Oldfield, who owns the property with her husband Richard, said: "It has been a vast job, this is a very unusual scale for a rock garden, it's huge."

Most of the work was carried out by Matt Jackson, head gardener at Doddington Place.

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# Clubbers to party at stately home bash

## Masked ball is first event of kind in county

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

THOUSANDS of clubbers will descend on a stately home near Faversham in June for a "unique" clubbing experience – including Jacuzzi and a lingerie fashion show.

The Masquerade Ball – the first event of its kind in Kent – will be staged on June 14 in a large marquee in the grounds of Sole Street House.

The event, organised by Cliqueclub, is expected to cost in the region of £15,000 and aims to bring top DJs and a variety of off-the-wall entertainment to the county.

Organiser, Donovan Whyte, said: "We are really excited about staging an event in Kent on this sort of scale and the response from those who have already bought tickets has been brilliant. For us it is about putting the fun back into clubbing and just giving everyone a night to remember."

"We are seeking to raise the standards of entertainment and our objective is to provide



**NIGHT TO REMEMBER:** Sole Street House will house a large marquee in its grounds for the Masquerade Ball in June

our members with a unique, glamorous and fun environment where they can express themselves and be entertained.

"Bongo players and professional dancers will ensure the beat remains fast and furious, but if that sounds a bit too much, the chill out garden, complete with Jacuzzi, will provide somewhere to recharge, whereas the lingerie fashion show and bucking bronco will bring elements of sophistication and fun respectively."

Although the event is in Faversham, much of the promotion so far has concentrated on Ashford and Canterbury, where the coaches laid on by the organisers will pick up from.

Masked promotions teams have been sent to various night spots in both areas to drum up

support amongst the county's clubbers.

The company behind the event runs a club which invites members to a variety of large scale clubbing events in a variety of locations from hotels to warehouses.

The musical mix is also varied, with sound systems pumping out everything from funky house and salsa, to garage and old skool.

Cliqueclub plans to open a permanent Kent venue in mid 2009, comprising a bar, restaurant, a small cinema and games room, although a location has not yet been decided.

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## Universities in joint initiative

A MULTI-million pound scheme has been launched to aid the regeneration effort in Swale.

The South East Coastal Communities Project is a joint initiative between the three universities in the region – Canterbury Christ Church, Kent and Greenwich. Its aim is to provide finance and advice to local community groups to help improve their area, focusing primarily on health and well-being.

Sittingbourne and Sheppey MP Derek Wyatt and Jonathan Shaw, Minister for the South East, were at the launch last week, held at the Healthy Living Centre in Sheerness to give their support to the cause and encourage local groups to put forward bids for approval.

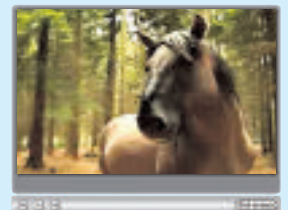
Ross Gill, programme manager of Swale Forward which helps co-ordinate investment in the area, says the local workforce will be the first to benefit.

Those groups who are interested in putting forward a proposal should contact project manager Velibor Milovanovic on 01634 894415 or [velibor.milovanovic@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:velibor.milovanovic@canterbury.ac.uk).

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## Town centre host for top motor show

A RECORD number of entries have been listed for Faversham's Classic Car and Motorcycle Show to be held in the town centre on Sunday.

And if the good weather holds there could be a bumper crowd too.

More than 220 entries are already booked in including glamorous and historic marques such as Daimler, Rolls-Royce, MG, Cadillac and Pontiac which will line up alongside a 1920s Model T Ford and a 1930s Austin Seven.

A range of classic motorcycles, including a Velocette and an AJS, will also be on show.

Organised by Faversham Classic Events and the Faversham Enterprise Partnership, the event is now in its 12th year and includes a fun fair in the Central car park, trade stalls and children's entertainment.

For 2008 there will also be the Sheppey Community Radio road show and live music including a six-piece jazz band and the Faversham Air Training Corps Band.

Faversham's Classic Car and Motorcycle Show is on Sunday, May 18 in the town centre, between 10am-4pm.

## Campaign is hitting the spot as you help stop benefit cheats

THE net is closing in on benefit cheats across Swale – thanks to tip-offs by Yourswale readers.

Twenty-five anonymous calls have already been made since we launched our crackdown on fraudsters, who take money from your pockets which could go to the community.

As part of the 'Your Money – Your Loss' drive we have been calling on our readers to help root out the con-artists, who drained more than £295,000 of taxpayers' money from council coffers last year alone.

Swale council's senior investigator for counterfeiting and corruption said the response had been marked.

He said: "The campaign is certainly having a very positive effect and I would like to thank your readers and Yourswale for helping us in the fight against benefit fraud. Since the campaign started at the end of March we have received 25 anonymous calls, letters or website reports of potentially fraudulent claims.

"Several members of the fraud

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team have commented that a number of the callers have said the Yourswale articles had been the reason for their contact with us."

Even Prime Minister Gordon Brown has congratulated Yourswale for our campaign, saying the need to stamp out benefit cheats is as strong as ever.

He said: "Everyone who can work must be available for work, and we will not tolerate people who are cheating the welfare system and taking money away from people who really need it. That is why I congratulate Yourswale on its campaign to root out the benefit cheats."

• If you know a fraudster call the council's benefits investigation team on 01795 417714 or use the Do It Online service at [www.swale.gov.uk](http://www.swale.gov.uk).

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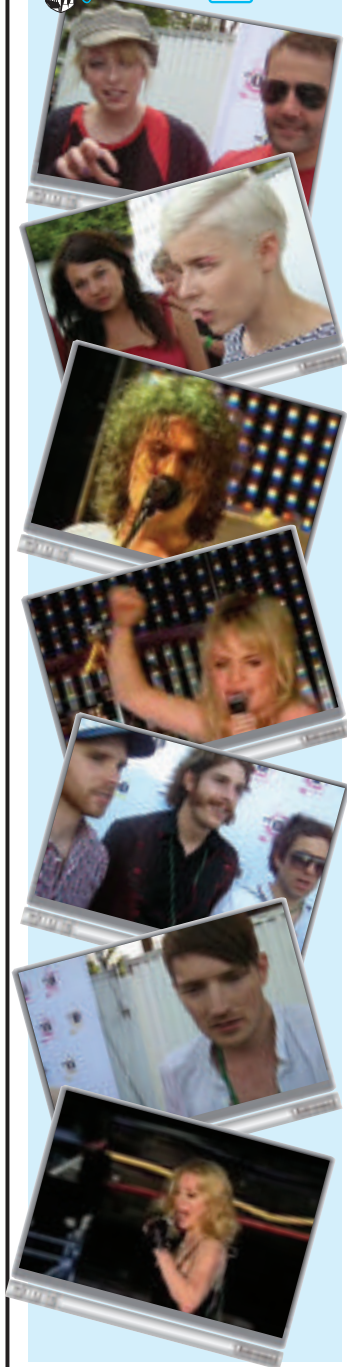
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# Big crowds for



RADIO 1's Big Weekend in Maidstone was hailed a "huge success" by both the stars taking part and festival-goers.

The two-day free music event in Mote Park saw international stars like Madonna, Usher and The Raconteurs rub shoulders with the hottest British talent, including The Kooks, The Editors and The Zutons.

More than 50 top bands and DJs appeared across four stages in a celebration of live music on Saturday and Sunday.

Approximately 34,000 people – 17,000 a day – basked in the sunshine and enjoyed the biggest Radio 1 event to date.

Before introducing The Raconteurs as Sunday's headliners on the In New Music We Trust Stage, Radio 1's Zane Lowe said: "This is the best Big Weekend I've been involved with, the best music, the best crowds and the best fun, so thank you all."

The scorching weather on the Saturday – when

## Bikini babes, cowboy hats, fence jumpers...



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Madonna headlined the main stage – brought out a vast array of bikini-clad women wearing cowboy boots and hats, and bare-chested men, in a real party atmosphere.

At least two men without tickets climbed the 20ft-high wall around the festival site. One was caught whilst trying to run into the main stage. Another, who fell heavily from the

top, picked himself up and ran into the crowds, evading security.

Thousands then went on to the first ever official Aftershow party at Maidstone Studios and danced

the night away to star DJs including Kent's own Pete Tong, Laurent Garnier and Danny Rampling.

The Sunday at the festival was a little more laid-back with the crowds



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## and a whole lot of great music

### Midgets vs Madge in the big food fight

MADONNA'S row with the Fratellis, who appeared on the main stage before her, really caused a stir at the Big Weekend.

The Scottish indie band were furious with her diva demands but got their own back by hiring a security firm of little people to keep her away.

Singer Jon Fratelli told the Daily Mirror: "Who does Madonna think

she is? I'm not into all this – we're all here to perform together.

"Everything has been changed around just for her and her ridiculous entourage.

"That's why we brought our own security team of midgets – and they're doing a great job.

"Her people ate all the food, so we had to order 18 pizzas from Dominos."

enjoying the sun but also packing out the tents to see as many bands as possible.

Usher launched the festival on the main stage on Saturday at 1.30pm by making a huge blunder.

He took to the stage wearing sunglasses and said: "Hello UK, hello Manchester".

This was met by silence and a few boos as the thousands watching tried to work out if he was joking or simply confused about where he was.

Madonna performed six songs and put on a great show during a 35-minute



set, including Candy Shop, 4 Minutes and Music.

The busy superstar nearly burst out of her tight-fitting top and turned the air blue during a live broadcast to millions on

BBC3 and Radio 1 listeners by using the f-word twice before singing Hung Up.

The Queen of Pop lived up to the nickname Her Madgesty by demanding to be flown by helicopter from her London home to Maidstone – a distance of only 37 miles. She had her own VIP area, a 70-strong entourage and three dressing rooms backstage.

While she is reported as drinking special Kabbalah water shipped in and fresh fruit, her entourage tucked into the free food and booze reserved for the bands – upsetting the other artists.

But the real winner of the festival was Maidstone – with Radio 1, the stars and festival-goers all praising the organisation which saw no arrests for disorder, no traffic problems and thousands of people enjoying great music and great weather in the stunning setting of the park.

### Stars on stage and off

CELEBRITIES spotted enjoying the Big Weekend

were Gavin and Stacey star James Corden, pictured, with History Boys co-star Russell Tovey, Pixie Geldof, former Blue Peter presenter

Connie Huq and singer Sophie Ellis-Bextor. Radio 1 presenters spent their time off-air relaxing in the guest area, with Vernon Kay standing out in white shirt and trousers.

Also, Richard McCourt from children's TV duo Dick and Dom looked the worse for wear as his girlfriend appeared to be holding him up through The Editors headline set on the In New Music We Trust Stage on Saturday night.



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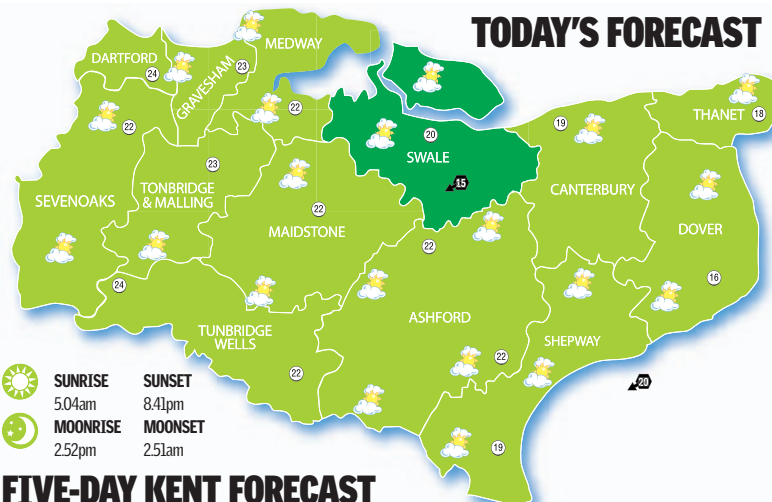
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Dungeness	Saturday	8:37am	6.1m
	Sunday	9:31am	6.4m
Ramsgate	Saturday	9:25am	4.3m
	Sunday	10:14am	4.4m
Sheerness	Saturday	10:09am	5.2m
	Sunday	11:06am	5.3m
Whitstable	Saturday	10:23am	4.7m
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Dartford	22°C	21°C	20°C	16°C	17°C	Rochester	16°C	17°C	15°C	14°C	15°C
Dover	17°C	16°C	15°C	12°C	13°C	Sevenoaks	20°C	20°C	17°C	15°C	16°C
Faversham	16°C	17°C	15°C	14°C	15°C	Sittingbourne	16°C	17°C	15°C	14°C	15°C
Folkestone	17°C	16°C	15°C	12°C	13°C	Tonbridge	21°C	21°C	19°C	15°C	17°C
Gillingham	16°C	17°C	15°C	14°C	15°C	Tun Wells	21°C	21°C	19°C	15°C	17°C

## Litter Angels win action awards

SCHOOL children have been rewarded for caring for their environment in the first Litter Angels competition held in Swale.

The first of the two competitions rewarded those who had made an outstanding contribution towards keeping their school litter free.

The second competition was to design an anti-litter poster to help spread the message. There were two age groups in each, for five to nine-year-olds and ten to 13-year-olds.

More than 80 children, parents and teachers turned up to hear the winners announced at Sittingbourne Community College on Monday and see the winning posters unveiled.

The winner in each competition was presented with a plaque and £20 worth of book tokens. Regis Manor Community Primary School, which put forward the winning entry in both age groups, received £200 worth of tokens.

Each of the 30 finalists also had a certificate and book presented to them.

Gordon Henderson, director of the Swale Community Action Project, which sponsored the competitions, said: "The idea was to make children in our schools more aware of our local environment and encourage them to make Swale a litter free zone, and I was delighted with the interest shown."

The winning posters have been printed professionally and will be distributed around the borough and displayed at the Polka Dot Art Studio, Teynham.

\* A full list of the competition winners is available on our website [www.yourswale.co.uk](http://www.yourswale.co.uk).

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### LOUIS HURST



**Q** When did you first get the radio bug?

**A** I was at Chaucer School, Canterbury and went to Invicta for work experience. I refused to go home after my placement finished, so I got a job putting adverts on tape.

One of the bosses liked what I was doing and I found myself on the graveyard shift at 15. I had my own show and I was living the dream.

**Q** How did you cope with your nocturnal existence?

**A** I was thoroughly enjoying myself and I went to Essex radio. I was enjoying the life. When I wasn't presenting on radio I was DJing in clubs.

**Q** How did the Invicta staff notice your potential in the first place?

**A** I was sitting in a spare studio for hours on end pretending to be a DJ and the boss heard one of the tapes. The rest is history.

**Q** You went to Liverpool's Radio City 96.7, the biggest commercial station outside London. How did that happen?

**A** I was only 19 and I was doing the breakfast show on Huddersfield FM. The Radio City managing director was driving along the M62 and he heard me. He rang the station and asked me to meet him at a motorway service area.

It was a huge station and it was like being in the Premiership of radio. Within a year I had

the most listened to show on Merseyside.

The people took to me up there and I became an honorary Scouser.

For my next job change I stayed on Merseyside with Juice FM which was run by a friend of mine. I had two great years with them presenting programmes from places like Las Vegas and Sydney.

**Q** What made you give it up?

**A** My wife Lisa and I are childhood sweethearts. We met at school. I moved back to Chestfield, near Whitstable, and for a year I was commuting once a week to Liverpool and staying up there. My little girl Amelia was born and I didn't want to miss out on her growing up. My mum developed cancer in 2005 so I wanted to be close to her.

I had achieved a lot but I felt the time had come to return home. It was OK touring around the place but I love family life and wanted to return to my roots. Since then we've had a baby boy Felix who was born last November.

I love Kent. Liverpool was my adopted home but I needed to come back. I love Canterbury and can't believe how much the place has changed in the last few years.

**Q** What is your show about?

**A** It's a weekend morning show. I hope to encourage a lot of chat and have a few

guests. I used to be a bit of a cheeky chappie but I've matured – you do when you have a family. I'm really looking forward to it.

**Q** What sort of music do you like?

**A** My music tastes are diverse. I like club music because I spent a lot of time in the clubs. I also like guitar music. My taste is pretty wide. At the moment the disc I've got on in my car is something my daughter likes from CBBC and some nursery rhymes.

**Q** You've been able to build up your own promotions business on the back of your success as a DJ so how have you been able to achieve this?

**A** I was working in Liverpool and I was able to build up a successful business using my name and experience.

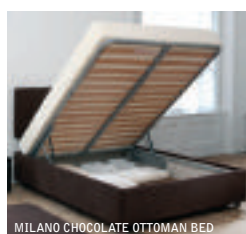
As the business is Liverpool-based we are shutting that one down and developing something similar in Kent.

I was able to work on building up the business while waiting for something to happen in Kent. There is limited scope if you are a radio DJ in Kent and when Invicta offered me the chance to come back I jumped at it.

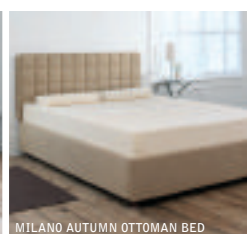
I'm looking forward to getting the programme established and building up our own successful company. I love being back in Kent. I'm glad I'm back because I've come home at last.

Q & A

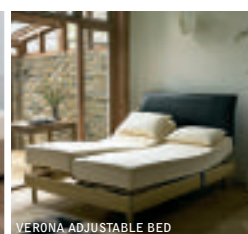
This week's interview is prodigal DJ Louis Hurst who has just returned to Invicta FM as host of the Sunday breakfast show – where he started as a work experience youngster, he speaks to **Ian Read**



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# Slice of the cooking action

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

PRIMARY school pupils were treated to an omelette cooked and served by Kent County Council leader Paul Carter for the launch of the Isle of Sheppey's new community chef project.

The scheme, part of KCC's healthy schools initiative, aims to help spread the message about the importance of a good diet.

It was launched at Sheppey Healthy Living Centre in Sheerness on Thursday morning.

Mike Spackman, a chef of 15 years' experience, has been appointed to take up the challenge and says it is about "getting back to basics".

He said: "There are people who simply can't cook, it's not about not wanting to, they can't cook."

"The project will really foster among people a confidence to prepare from fresh, good quality ingredients that don't need to cost a lot of money."

Mr Spackman, who studied at Thanet College, said one example of a cost-effective dish is spring vegetable soup, which he aims to introduce to some of the community groups across Sheppey.

"I think soup is sometimes much maligned and there are lots of ways of bulking it out, getting plenty of veg in there, plenty of flavour, and making it look good as well."

During the morning children from Rose Street Primary School in Sheerness were shown how to make easy, healthier breakfast



BREAKFAST TIME: Sheppey youngsters taste the results of their efforts

alternatives such as granola, blueberry muffins and fresh apple juice.

Cllr Carter wants to see a generational change in what people in the county eat.

He said: "We are trying to transform the way young people eat, what their diet is across all the schools in Kent and this community chef project on the Isle of Sheppey is a really good idea."



CHEF: Mike Spackman



GUEST: Paul Carter

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top. How long does that take? Two minutes to produce the most delicious food. You give that to these young people and that's exactly what they're cooking for themselves. It makes a bowl of cornflakes, not that that's nutritionally unacceptable, look rather dull and boring."

The Sheppey project is one of five to be rolled out across the county over the next three years.



MORE than 3,000 schoolchildren attended a special show to learn about farming and rural matters.

The Kent County Agricultural Society hosted its annual The Living Land event at the County Showground at Detling last Thursday.

Children aged seven to nine from 64 primary schools across Kent got the chance to handle animals, watch shows and demonstrations, and learn about where different fruits and vegetables come from.

The event also allowed children to experience different aspects of farming, horticulture, conservation and the environment, as well as covering

## Young learners in a field of their own

aspects of the school curriculum. There were also displays of traditional rural crafts, country pursuits and farm equipment, a sheep and duck show, and stands with representatives from the Hawking Centre, the Working Horse Trust, Kent Beekeepers' Association and Nick

Leggatt, a dairy farmer. Josephine Wood, of the Kent Guild of Spinners, Dyers and Weavers, said: "The children all seemed very excited about the event and our stall. They love the hands-on experience, feeling the wool and were excited to have a go on all the different equipment we use."

An agricultural society official said: "We hope the pupils and teachers benefited from the day and that the children went away with a better understanding of where food comes from and the processes involved in its production."

The schools which took part from the Swale area were: Bobbing Village; Eastling Primary, Faversham; South Avenue Junior, Sittingbourne; Bysing Wood, Faversham; Bredgar C of E Primary, Sittingbourne; Queenborough First, St Edward's RCP, Sheerness; St Peter's Catholic, Sittingbourne; Woodgrave Primary, Sittingbourne; and West Minster, Sheerness.



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# Insult now added to injury

BY RACHEL McATHY

**BRAIN** injury association Headway has attacked patient care provision after cases of discrimination were revealed.

A countrywide survey found high levels of discrimination and prejudice among the public against people with brain injuries, resulting in social isolation.

The survey also exposed poor treatment by health and social services.

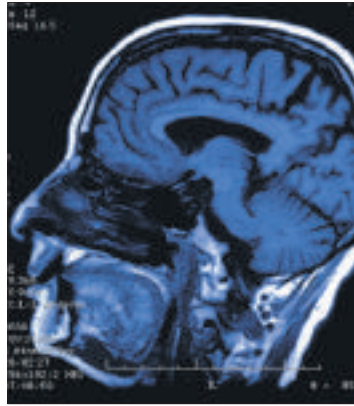
Linda Kerley, chief executive officer of Headway East Kent, based at Kent and Canterbury Hospital, was shocked by the results.

She said: "We are appalled that so many people with brain injuries are being mistreated by statutory agencies and are facing prejudice by wider society."

"We hear stories of how our service users are often bullied, harassed and ridiculed for their disabilities, which is disturbing in a sophisticated society like ours."

The study explored the feelings of those suffering with brain injuries and looked at how they felt they were treated.

According to the survey, 60 per cent of those questioned have experienced discrimination from at least one social service and 17 per



**HIDDEN DISABILITY:** Headway wants more tolerance given to people who have suffered brain injury

cent have been refused support from a social services team.

In 2005 the Government launched the National Service Framework for Long Term Conditions. It was designed to transform the care offered by health and social services to those who are living with long-term neurological conditions.

Mrs Kerley said: "The results show that in three years very little has been achieved and the NSF has to date been a failure."

The survey also revealed that almost half of all brain injury patients in the UK are haunted by the stigma attached to their condition, and as a result find it hard to tell people about their disability.

The survey was conducted by the Social Neuropsychology Research Group at the University of Exeter.

According to Headway, the discrimination faced by people with brain injuries is due to a lack of understanding.

She said: "It is called the hidden disability as many people with brain injuries will appear, on the surface at least, to be perfectly healthy and yet they may be struggling with the most simple cognitive functions."

"People with brain injuries are already battling with everyday life."

"We ask people to bear this in mind the next time they meet someone who seems a bit different."

Headway East Kent covers Canterbury, Thanet, Ashford, Dover and Folkestone and is affiliated to Headway, the brain injury association, which is the only UK charity dedicated to the care and reintegration of those with brain injuries into the community.

Headway East Kent can be contacted on 01227 783002.

## Watchdog raises chlorine concern



CHLORINE is the only cleaning agent that kills the superbug *Clostridium difficile*, but concerns have been raised that it is not being used effectively enough in hospitals.

A recent study by John Fletcher, a member of a patients' watchdog, found that 40 per cent of cleaning solutions used by East Kent Hospitals NHS Trust did not contain enough chlorine to destroy *C diff* spores.

He said that to be effective chlorine has to be used at 1,000 parts per million (ppm).

The tablets used by the NHS in hospitals across Kent, as recommended by Department of Health guidelines, are called Chlor Clean and are already made at that strength.

But if the tablets are not dissolved properly the solution is too alkaline, or if too much dirt comes into contact with the chlorine the strength is affected, Mr Fletcher said.

He took 25 samples from cleaners' buckets at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford, Kent and Canterbury Hospital, and the QEQM Hospital in Margate.

Fifteen had chlorine levels between 900 and 1,000 ppm, which is optimum *C diff* killing strength, but seven had levels between 500 and 750 ppm and two had only 250 ppm. One sample contained no chlorine.

The trust's infection control and prevention team accepted that some of the solutions were not as effective at killing the superbug as they should be.

A spokeswoman said: "We take this issue very seriously and this is evident in our low *C diff* rates. Trust staff work extremely hard at resolving this issue and we have one of the lowest *C diff* rates in the country."

KOS Media has joined forces with NHS trusts across the county to help in the fight against healthcare associated infections.

Through the campaign people are being encouraged to wash their hands regularly with soap and water whether they are at home and work, or in healthcare centres and hospitals.

# Shoplifters given the time to kick drugs

TWO heroin addicts were given the chance to clean up their acts after a solicitor said it was easier getting drugs in prison than outside.

Craig Cook, 31, and Leonard Picot, 27, both of the Palmer Centre, Station Road East, Canterbury, appeared on separate shoplifting charges at Canterbury Magistrates Court.

Both had recently been released from prison.

Cook admitted stealing clothes

worth £69.30 from GAP in Canterbury High Street while Picot was caught stealing four cans of Fosters lager and a Rolo doughnut from Tesco. Both were arrested on Tuesday and appeared in custody the following day.

### Addicted

Will Nelson, defending the men, told the same story in each case.

Both men were hopelessly

addicted to heroin, and drugs controlled their lives, he told Canterbury magistrates.

In Cook's case he said: "He was using heroin in prison because heroin use is rife. If you send him to prison it will be the same story."

Picot was also suffering from mental problems and an obsessive compulsive disorder.

Magistrates decided to adjourn both cases for three weeks to see if the men are suitable for a drug

treatment and testing order.

Speaking to Cook, chairman of the bench Mrs Rosemary Hale said: "This is your last chance."

"You are banned from entering any retail premises - that includes anything from a petrol station to a city centre store."

In Picot's case she said: "You have got three weeks to prove yourself. Here are no second chances because you will be back in court and off to prison if you breach your bail."

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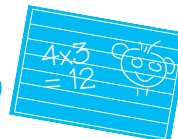
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## BREAK TIME

### Silly socks and leg waxes raise £380

FRIENDS of Charlotte McIntosh, the Fulston Manor pupil who died of leukaemia earlier this year, have banded together to raise money in her memory.

Ten tutor groups from Hales's House, from the oldest to the youngest across five year groups, chose a different event to raise funds.

Some did sponsored silences, some wore silly socks, some brave lads had their legs waxed.

The push raised £380, which was presented in an assembly on Friday, May 2, in front of the whole school to Charlotte's father, her two sisters, Kayleigh and Kimberley, and her best friend Sian Robinson, all of whom are ex-pupils.

### Pupils speak out on town centre

YOUNGSTERS from Minterne Junior School told Swale council what they would like to see in a regenerated Sittingbourne town centre.

The year six pupils joined the departing mayor John Morris for one of his last engagements at Swale House.

They were first to tell Swale council officers and members what they want a regenerated Sittingbourne town centre to be like.

The event marks the launch of the first phase of the consultation about the regeneration of Sittingbourne town centre and the area around Milton Creek.

The children also got a taste of democracy at a mock council meeting led by the mayor.

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# Infant school scores a good report card

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

**MURSTON** Infant School was celebrating this week after achieving the second highest category in its latest Ofsted inspection.

The report states that the Sittingbourne school, which caters for 134 pupils aged three to seven, "provides a good standard of education within a very safe, caring family atmosphere".

The grade two level of "good" comes after an inspection last month.

The school scored the same grade across all five of the main categories: overall effectiveness, achievement and standards, personal development and well-being, quality of provision, leadership and management.

The assessors found standards in mathematics and writing were stronger than reading.

Pupils' personal development was also noted, with their participation in school and community activities considered as "outstanding".

The school is described as a "very harmonious community" with good and considerate behaviour.

Year two pupils go on to set a good example to others and play a



ASPIRATIONS: Murston Infant School head teacher Dorothea Bromley and some pupils in the school grounds

key role in helping the school run smoothly, preparing them for junior school.

Strengths which were highlighted include very good relationships, behaviour management and planning of tasks that meet a wide range of abilities within each class.

A large number of well-trained teaching assistants also make a significant contribution to learning and assessments, according to the report.

The curriculum is "interesting, exciting and practically based", promoting pupils' spiritual and cultural development and their understanding of health and safety.

Opportunities for outdoor learning, participation in clubs and links with the community are also included.

The headteacher's determination and total commitment to the pupils is singled out for praise, noting that pupils' needs and

interests are always at the forefront of decision-making and provide the school with a good capacity for future improvement.

Areas identified in which the school could perform better include extending pupils' speaking skills and their knowledge of key vocabulary.

Head Dorothea Bromley said: "We are delighted with the report which reflects the tremendous hard work and commitment of all of our staff and governors."

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## Please don't neuter Boris, he speaks for the people

AFTER all the mealy mouthed nonsense from politicians of all parties we have had to put up with isn't it great to see a personality in the shape of Boris Johnson taking over as mayor of London.

He's excellent when he offends someone – and then even better when he tries to apologise as that invariably makes things worse.

I've collected a few quotes which show the measure of the man.

I don't live in London but I'd definitely have voted for him and I've followed his career ever since had a go at the people of Liverpool and their professional-victim stance which annoys everyone with any sense – probably including Sir Paul McCartney and Steven Gerrard.

And he did it in style to – even visiting the city to apologise, after the magazine he edited accused residents of "wallowing" in grief after the death of the Iraq hostage Kenneth Bigley.

This naturally made things far worse as

everyone had forgotten about the initial comment – but he bought the row up again as he arrived in Scouseland with a media horde.

He also had to say sorry to Papua New Guinea after linking its people to cannibalism. I wonder how they ever knew he'd even mentioned them?

Then he slighted Jamie Oliver, days after David Cameron had praised the TV chef in his opening speech to conference. Mr Oliver had done more to improve school food than the Government had, Mr Cameron said.

But Boris would not be denied. He said: "If I was in charge I would get rid of Jamie Oliver and tell people to eat what they like." He said: "Mothers have been driven to pushing pies through fences. The solution is not to provide healthy stuff."

He later claimed he had been misinterpreted and thought Mr Oliver was "a national saint". Now how's that for a volte face?

Boris was criticised by the RAC for allowing his sons to share the front seat of a sports car he was driving, he also told a meeting safety seats for children in cars were "utterly demented".

Finally, in a different meeting he told Tories that giving power to local communities could result in sharia law – now is that a gift for prophecy the man has?

Prefacing his comment with the prediction: "I may be in trouble for saying this", he told the audience that while he was broadly in favour of localism, there was a complication in "the issue of people's failure to feel British, especially large chunks of the Muslim population".

He added: "Supposing Tower Hamlets or parts of Bradford were to become governed by religious zealots believing in that system. Are we ready for complete autonomy if it means sharia law? I believe we should make people feel more British first, before encouraging more balkanisation and multiculturalism."

Boris really does say a lot of what is on people's minds – and let's hope the Tory spin doctors don't neuter a man who is a national treasure.

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## TALK TIME

### DIANE GRIFFITHS

The Sittingbourne artist spoke to Yourswale about her passion for landscapes, upcoming exhibitions and playing the piano.



#### Tell us a little bit about yourself

Essentially I'm a landscape artist, but abstracts, flora and animals also feature in my work. During my early schooldays I was encouraged to develop a talent in art, a subject I then studied throughout GCSE and A-levels.

However, at university I studied media and business, so art then took a back seat until I moved to London to work within the media industry.

Having moved to Kent, I look forward to furthering my art. My website, tessa-gallery.co.uk, allows people easy access to see my work and find out a bit more about me.

#### Where can people see your work exhibited?

The Oast at Oad exhibition at the Art House Gallery, Oad Street Centre, Borden. It focuses on the Kent countryside and is part of a group exhibition. There are many more paintings and pieces of artwork at this gallery, once you have finished there you can stop by the gift shop or grab a coffee at the restaurant/tearoom to complete the experience. My paintings are there until the end of May and admission is free. Now and Then at Heme Bay library takes a nostalgic view of the seaside town and then looks at the Kentish landscapes of today, the exhibition there runs until May 23. My website also has a range of original paintings, prints and photographs and other news.

#### What do you like to do when you're not working?

When I'm not working I like to paint! I actually have a full-time job working in the media industry in London. Outside of work and painting I also enjoy photography and am an accomplished pianist.

#### Tell us something people don't tend to know about you.

I actually designed and built my own website. As well as saving costs it allows me a lot more artistic flexibility.

## YOUR LETTERS



### Election result no surprise to most

The news that the Tories did well in Swale at the local elections comes as absolutely no surprise to those of us with any knowledge of the way the UK is governed today.

This Labour administration is nothing short of a disaster, lurching from one ill-conceived policy to another.

I had high hopes back in 1997 when Tony Blair became Prime Minister and for a time all was well.

But in recent years an increasingly authoritarian and nanny-state orientated Government has outlasted its welcome by quite a distance.

The Tory gain in Swale show many people feel the same way.

Nigel Havelock,  
Sittingbourne

### Need to remember damage of Thatcher

Politics in this country is in a real state as shown by the results in Swale at the council elections.

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the damage the Conservatives caused the last time they were in power.

The devastation of our industries and the destruction of whole communities under the

Thatcher administration showed the Tories at their most heartless, while the incompetence and sleaze of the Major administration was in a class all of its own.

Now we see that stumbling buffoon Boris Johnson in charge of our capital city, with his policies already being declared unworkable by experts.

People who have the vote should exercise it carefully and ensure that Labour are kept in Government.

Pretty average they may be - but the alternative is too dreadful to contemplate.

Michael Hayes  
Sheerness  
by email



### Krays story really sticks in the craw

So the Kray twins loved cycling through Kent and getting bargains from antique shops did they?

This story you ran in last week's Yoursware (May 7 issue) really does beg one question.

Did they pay for their antique objects or just make the shopkeeper an offer he or she couldn't refuse.

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decades whereas they really were nothing more than common criminals.

Dave Price  
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## WAG Cassie is of no relevance to anyone

What a lot of nonsense – a WAG writing a book about the perils of celebrity lifestyle.

Cassie Sumner may be very attractive, but she has absolutely nothing of any interest to say to anyone.

And to claim she is writing a book to help impressionable girls is nothing short of preposterous.

Who on earth does she think she is?

Diana McGrath  
by email



## Removal of dodgy cars a good thing

Well done to the police for removing the ever-present eyesore of

abandoned cars from the streets of our area – it was needed.

These are a real blight wherever they are found and contribute to an area looking uncared for and left to vandals and other anti-social elements of society.

When a particular street is left looking like a mess things get worse as people feel they can litter and graffiti without anyone paying attention.

Michael Jones  
Faversham

## Don't snub plans for polytunnel jobs

Surely in these economically uncertain times no-one should say no to the chance of 180 jobs being created in a small community? (Polytunnels to be contested due to fears for view, Yoursware, May 7).

Yet that is what locals in Hernhill seem to be doing with their opposition to the expansion plans.

We seem to hear much from villages which say there is no outside investment and jobs are going and services alongside them

Yet here we see a positive investment in the future being snubbed.

Phil Roberts  
Faversham

## Ghastly plastic no excuse for jobs

Well done the people of Hernehill. The explosion of polytunnels on our countryside is something which

blights views and spoils the rolling hills of our fine county.

I know jobs are not to be sniffed at in this day and age, but they should not be used as the carrot on a rod just to justify more of these ghastly plastic things.

Mr and Mrs Bridger  
Faversham

## Nurse of year thanks readers for support

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Dawn Dyme  
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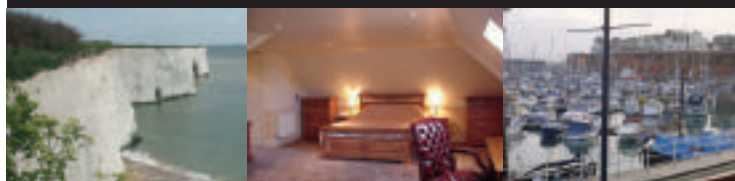
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Her tour, *Because I Forgot To Get A Pension*, has been extended due to high demand for tickets and the Grumpy Old Woman will be bringing her gripes to Dartford next week.

Eclair became the first woman to win the former Perrier Award – still one of only two females to bag the prestigious trophy – and so audiences were delighted to see her return to stand-up last year after a four-year break. She is back at the top of her game and as sharp as ever, whether discussing the medical traumas of being a woman or the annoying habits of the male population.

Jenny Clare Hargreaves was born in Malaysia, as her father was in the Forces, and later went to school in Lytham St Annes followed by Manchester Polytechnic. Her early forays into show business included writing punk poetry and performing in a band called Cathy La Crème and the Rum Babies.

Judging by her success to date, taking a change of direction into comedy was evidently a smart move. She adopted the surname Eclair after an incident in Blackpool during which



she pretended to be French.

In 1995 she became the first female winner of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival's Perrier Prize for her show, *Jenny Eclair Top Bitch*. Since then Eclair has appeared in a number of West End shows including *Steaming*, *Mum's The Word* and *The Vagina Monologues*, as well as writing her own one-woman plays. These include the critically acclaimed *Andy Warhol Syndrome*, adapted for Radio 4.

She co-wrote the stage show *Grumpy Old Women*, originating from the BBC TV programme, with Judith Holder, and it became a sell-out success. Eclair has also become a

popular TV personality, appearing on shows such as *Comic Relief Does Fame Academy*, *Room 101* and *It's Grim Up North*.

Alongside her stage, television and radio credits, Eclair, 48, is an accomplished author. She has published three books, beginning with the non-fiction *The Book of Bad Behaviour* in 1994. Six years later her debut novel *Camberwell Beauty* was published, a story about the troubles of getting by in the city. Centring on down-to-earth Anna and her middle class neighbours, it has been acclaimed as a smart and funny dissection of urban living.

Her second comic novel *Having a Lovely Time* concerns two very different families whose holidays to Italy bring many emotions to the fore.

No matter how successful she becomes in other fields, Eclair is first and foremost a comedian who was rated at number 39 in Channel 4's poll of the greatest ever stand-ups.

The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £15 plus a £1 booking fee. To book call the box office on 01322 220000 or visit the website at [www.orchardtheatre.co.uk](http://www.orchardtheatre.co.uk).

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Tuesday, May 20

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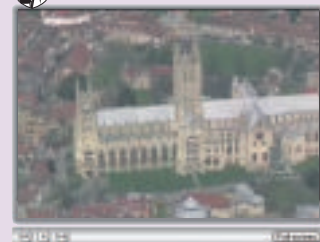
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### Showroom to cause a ripple of excitement

BATHROOM store Ripples has opened its first showroom in Canterbury.

The award-winning firm has set up shop in Iron Bar Lane, off Burgate – the 19th outlet it has opened nationwide since the company was started in 1988. The showroom covers 1,800 sq ft and comprises a wide collection of displays.

Ripples of Canterbury will showcase the latest in stylish fixtures, beautifully crafted wall-hung basins and stone shower trays, with striking vanity units as well as having working displays such as steam, showers and a whirlpool bath.

### Goodbye baskets, hello solar-powered punts

THE wicker picnic basket will be a thing of the past in 20 years' time, according to technology experts.

Baking company Warburtons teamed up with futurologists to predict what hampers will look like in 2030, as part of last week's National Bread Week. Their punts include solar-powered panels to heat food, a water filtration unit to take advantage of the rain and even a 'smart rug' which will simulate grass.

Find out more about this and more at [www.welovebread.co.uk](http://www.welovebread.co.uk).

### Veggie week is sure to tempt your tastes

THE Vegetarian Society is urging people to try meat-free recipes during National Vegetarian Week, May 19-25.

To help shoppers prepare for the challenge, the charity has created its first recipe booklet aimed at people who are making the change for the first time. Recipes include soup, korma and hotpot.

Get your copy of Meat-free Made Easy by calling 0161 925 2000 or visiting the website at [www.vegsoc.org](http://www.vegsoc.org).

### Keep your eyes wide open this summer

AFFORDABLE sunglasses will not put you in the shade this summer with Superdrug offering big discounts on designer specs.

Gucci, Fendi, Dior and Ralph Lauren designs are available, some costing less than half the recommended retail price. Whether you are looking for big Jackie O-style shades or a pair of wraparounds, there should be something to wow your fellow sunbathers.

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## Parkinson's Disease Society Drop-In



*If you, or those close to you, have been affected by Parkinson's Disease – whether a carer or someone diagnosed – then why not pop in to find out more about the advice, support & activities that are available locally*

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2008**

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# yourswalemusic

## Is it worth cold beans and mud? You bet it is

BY SIMON ROBINSON

SUMMER festivals are expensive creatures for music fans – despite often only containing staple ingredients of mud, wellies and a tent.

A weekend ticket to one of the established musical weekenders tips £100 (not including the slap-you-in-the-face £5 booking fee), then there's travel and food and drink costs to think about.

All in all, you're looking at paying anywhere up to £200 to spend three unwashed days living and sleeping in a sodden field.

Which begs the question: is it worth it? The answer is, of course, yes.

Take, for example, the Hop Farm Festival. Entry to the Paddock Wood one-day costs £49.50 per person, which at face value seems a little steep.

Apply some simple mathematics, however, and you realise that figure equates to just under £6.19 per band. Bargain.

### HOP FARM LINE-UP (in full)

Neil Young  
Primal Scream  
Supergrass  
My Morning Jacket  
Rufus Wainwright  
Guillemots  
Laura Marling  
Everest

British Sea Power  
Dizze Rascal  
Hadouken

### LOUNGE ON THE FARM

(highlights)  
The Bees  
Lightspeed Champion  
The Shortwave set  
Findlay Brown  
Black Kids  
Polar Bear  
Wild Billy Childish and The Musicians of The British Empire

### ZOO8 (highlights)

Mark Ronson  
The Cribbs  
Funeral For A Friend  
The Young Knives



And the number crunching pales in significance when you throw Ingredient X – that certain unquantifiable something that makes summer festivals so appealing – into the equation.

Yes, festivals often take place in the middle of impromptu monsoon season and feature an unhealthy reliance on tins of baked beans (served cold), but the positives outweigh the negatives ten to one.

The Hop Farm boasts living legend Neil Young, indie stalwarts Primal Scream and Supergrass, the soothing voice of Rufus Wainwright and up-and-comers Laura Marling and Everest.

Where else could you see such a diverse line up on one day, in one place, with a chilled (ish) beer in hand surrounded by thousands of fel-



**DIVERSE LINE UP:** Primal Scream and Rufus Wainwright will be playing at the Hop Farm Festival along with Neil Young

low music fans?

And we Kent folk have two more festivals on our doorstep to enjoy this summer in Zoo8 and Lounge on the Farm.

In the coming weeks and months hundreds of live bands will play, tents will be pitched, wet wipes will be wiped and pints will be sunk.

So dig deep into your savings - that week-long break to the Costa Del Sol can wait.

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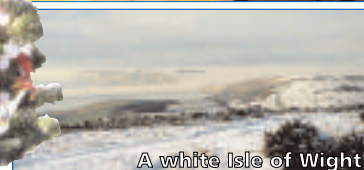


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# yourswalegetaways

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## In search of ancient spirits

BY CHRIS ROWLAND

THE ship's tannoy crackled into life and a sense of anticipation filled the cabin. It was not yet 8am.

Clanking anchor chains had signalled our arrival at a new port. Now the reassuring yet authoritative voice of Captain David Warden-Owen told us where we were, how we got there, what the weather was like and what would happen next.

We knew the itinerary across the Aegean Sea on our ship, the Spirit of Adventure, owned by Saga Holidays, but it was comforting to have the scene set each day.

Our route took in seven islands – plus the sights of Athens, two fascinating small towns on the mainland and the unforgettable Corinth Canal.

Carrying just 350 passengers Spirit of Adventure is slender enough to berth in many small ports in the Aegean that are out of bounds to bigger 'floating hotels'.

There's also a choice of free excursions on every shore visit, as well as some additional trips, often taking in a whole day on an island.

We joined the ship in Istanbul.



**SPARKLING SEA:** The Spirit of Adventure sails through the amazingly blue Aegean

An initial day of gentle cruising in the Sea of Marmara and the Dardanelles strait took in a view of the Gallipoli monument.

Once into the sparkling Aegean, our first stop was Lesbos, the third largest of the Greek islands, only a few miles off the Turkish mainland and is unspoilt by mass tourism.

We berthed in Mytilene, a bustling coastal town with old

mansions and cobbled streets.

On Rhodes, one the sunniest places in Europe with an average 300 days of sunshine a year, a walking tour through the historic Old Town, with its twisting alleyways and mix of Byzantine, Turkish and Latin architecture, took us to a host of ruins including the must-see Palace of the Grand Masters, built by the Knights of St

John in the 14th century.

Next came Crete, largest island in Greece, where the ship berthed in the busy capital of Heraklion (named after Hercules), handily placed for a trip to the ruined Palace of Knossos, built by the Minoans in around 1900BC.

A stop in the lovely Aegean sea-side town of Nauplion, the first capital of Greece after independence, was followed by a day in Athens where we ticked off all the sights, including the stunning Acropolis.

Then it was on to Santorini where a volcanic eruption in 1650 BC, culminated in one of the biggest explosions in the history of the planet, causing the centre of the island to collapse into a massive crater that was filled by the sea.

Spirit of Adventure was towed by tugs through the Corinth Canal, the four-mile waterway which was scoured through the isthmus linking the Peloponnese peninsula to the rest of the Greek mainland.

Only three metres separated the ship from the vertical cliffs that form the sides of the canal as our captain described how a previous British cruise ship emerged badly damaged after scraping the sides.

Needless to say, we emerged intact, exhilarated, and flushed with our own Spirit of Adventure.

### FACT FILE: GREECE

Time difference	UK +2 hour
Capital	Athens
Population	11.2 million
Currency	Euro (1.6 to £1 approx)
Religion	Greek Orthodox
Climate	Mediterranean
Language	Greek

### Holiday details

Chris Rowland was a guest of Spirit of Adventure which offers a 14-day Expedition to the Ancient World cruise from September 4, 2008, voyaging from Venice to Istanbul, via Kotor (Montenegro), Sarande (Albania), Corfu, Katakolon, Itea, Piraeus, Nauplion, Heraklion, Santorini, Rhodes (all Greece), Kusadasi, Kepez and Istanbul (all Turkey). Packages from £2,676 per person (inside berth) include return flights ex-Gatwick/Manchester, insurance and cancellation cover, airport/port taxes, all meals, entertainment and 24-hour room service, choice of excursions, on-board gratuities, transfers, portage of luggage; visas. Spirit of Adventure reservations: 0800 015 6984 and [www.spiritofadventure.co.uk](http://www.spiritofadventure.co.uk).



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## WOMEN'S SPOTLIGHT

### MAKE A SPLASH

Bubbly female, 22, GSOH, likes singing, dancing, swimming, running, seeking similar male who enjoys life, fun, outgoing, for potential relationship. Box 438519

### SEE WHERE IT TAKES US

I'm 26, 5'10, like going out, restaurants, pubs, cinema, cosy nights in, WLTW someone tall to go out, with possibly relationship. Box 418077

### MAKE ME LAUGH...

I'm a tall, blonde half-Dutch woman, 27, love swimming, power-walking, music, festival! Looking for a lovely man with GSOH for something special! Eastbourne. Box 893230

### ANOTHER GLASS?

28yr old female, long blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'10, slim, attractive, GSOH, love evenings out with wine, sport, seeking to fall in love with! Box 440218

### TAKE ME OUT

Fun, fit, female, nearly 30, petite, dark hair, bored of being single, seeking someone to take me out and show me a good time. Box 895349

## JAZZ FUSION

Single girl, hardworking, kind and caring, 32, brown hair/eyes, nice smile, looking to meet similar for let's see how it goes. Box 901072

## CANTERBURY TALE

Single mum of 2, 32, WLTW someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Ryan from Whitstable, please call again, leave contact details! Box 406670

## R U THE 1?

Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5'8, brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge, seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433107

## SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE

Bubbly, genuine, honest, caring Mum of 1, 34, dark hair, blue eyes, loves nights in/out, seeking male, 30-40, GSOH, for love and sex. Box 437041

## LOVE TO LOVE YOU

I'm a blonde, curvy woman, 36, a singer and I'd love to meet a guy for laughs, good conversation and I'd love to be around, been hurt in the past, heart has been broken and needs mending. Box 908053

## TAKE A CHANCE ON ME

Single mum of 3, 37, fun-loving, great to be around, been hurt in the past, heart has been broken and needs mending. Box 908053

## CUDDLY

Bubbly, blonde, single mum, 38, 5'8, likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in and having a laugh, looking for that night male for LTR. Box 905614

## TAKE A CHANCE

Caring, love, attractive female, 41, NS, size 12, enjoys keeping fit, most things, seeks romantic, passionate, tall, good looking male, 35-42, for LTR. Eastbourne. Box 807291

## ON THE WINGS OF LOVE

Tall, outgoing lady, 43, large build, newly settled in Kent, needs to spread her wings and meet a nice chap! Let's chat! Box 895908

## STARTING OVER

Fun-loving 41, happy, caring, NS brunette, size 12, 5'8, likes to laugh, enjoy most things, looking for that special person to share my life. Eastbourne. Box 897642

## HONEST

Bubbly female, 49, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising, puns, clubs, dancing seeks friendly man for friendship leading to more. Box 895860

## WARMTH, COMPASSION, TRUTH, KINDNESS

Sarna, 49, 5'8, medium build, blonde, green eyes, I like cinema, drinks, beach walks, countryside, POI, concerts, seeking similar male for lasting love/happiness. Box 892450

## BEST MEDICINE

Help me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, you'll need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make the grade. Box 892640

## TIME TO ENJOY

Slim lady, 48 years old, brown hair/eyes, likes socialising, concerts/gigs, eating in/out, about time to meet someone to enjoy the time. Box 422958

## MAKING YOUR MIND UP

Sharon 49, enjoys the simple things in life, looking for a nice, tall, genuine man. Box 411487

## CARING

Professional female, 49, 5'10, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings. Box 411700

## FUNNY GIRL

Petite, blonde female, 50, GSOH, likes music, books, films, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate, 40-55, for LTR. Kent. Box 835181

## WHY WAIT?

Sincere female, 50, seeking clean shaven, reasonably good-looking man for a brighter future. Box 844892

## LOVING

happy go lucky, jovial, caring female, 51, 5'3", brown hair, hazel eyes, own business, WLTW nice, tall, good looking guy for laughter, life and love. Box 926614

## LOVELY LADY...

53, fit and healthy, single now for nine years and can't find the right man! If you enjoy sports and live music let's chat! Box 923309

## JANE SEES JACK

In uniform! I am small, blonde, 52, chirpy, full of fun looking for a tall gentleman who loves music, going out and enjoying themselves for companionship. Box 897255

## COAST AND COUNTRY

Hi, kind female, 52, slim, 5'8, dark hair, I like music, reading, cooking, countryside. Seeking kind, genuine man, 45-60, for LTR. Box 430032

## COME INTO FOCUS

Down-to-earth female, 52, 5'5", blonde/blue eyes, cuddly, likes walking, countryside, good food, want a man with a GSOH. Box 830616

## LINKED WITH LOVE

Hi I'm 56, a widow, slim, long blonde hair, green eyes, enjoy animals, voluntary work, seeking a nice man for a happy partnership. Box 440286

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Honest, loyal woman, 47, 5'6, medium build, brown hair/eyes, Sittingbourne area. I enjoy beach walks, country walks, cosy night in/out, cinema, music, weekends away. Box 439192

## MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE?

Hi I'm Mandy, chocolate brown hair, blue eyes, 48, seeking human male (preferably) for nights out, socialising, clubbing, meals, lots of laughs and much more. Box 437489

## BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER

Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking normal guy. Box 895952

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## NEW PURSUITS

Vivacious, blonde, young 54, attractive, divorced professional, enjoys art/craft/poshy, walking, travel, motorbikes. Happy to explore new interests with that special male, 48-60, Brighton area. Box 905362

## CHATTY & FUN-LOVING PERSONALITY

Hi, I'm a 59yr old bubbly woman, 5'8", medium build, red hair, like shopping, music, drama, walks, WLTW a honest, compatible man for happiness. Brighton. Box 438090

## CHARME

57yo tactile, passionate person, red hair, 5'8, size 12, young looking, young thinking, very interested in the pictures, eating out, usual things. Want to enjoy life with a happy and live again. Box 438829

## GIMME A RING

Brunette, 54, 5'5, blue eyes, GSOH, likes walking, going to the pictures, eating out, usual things. Want to enjoy life with a happy and live again. Box 438829

## BEING WITH YOU

54yr old young-at-heart, loving woman, I am hoping to meet a kindred spirit who loves animals, going for walks and the romantic side of life. Box 900143

## THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE

58yr old young-at-heart, loving woman, I am hoping to meet a kindred spirit who loves animals, going for walks and the romantic side of life. Box 900143

## BUBBLY

Single female, 59, blonde, brown eyes, loyal, caring, likes animals, eating in/out, WLTW male, for relationship. Box 842682

## MAKE THE MOST OF NOW

Widowed female, 62, WLTW trustworthy, honest caring guy 62-65 to share and enjoy the simple life, not fussed if you don't drink etc. life's too short! Box 438401

## STRICTLY FOR YOU

Single male, 36 years old, looking for an engaging, independent lady for fun/love. Box 903237

## BRING BACK THE SPARK

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## LOOKING 4 A

Single male, 39 years old, 5'11", brown hair, blue eyes, new to this, loves to have fun, seeking an outgoing female, 24-44. Box 900745

## LOVE OF HORSES

39yr old chap, own house/horses, athletic build, loves good foods, friendly, caring, looking for someone similar. Box 901648

## LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS

Happy-go-lucky build, young 39, 5'9", brown hair, blue eyes, likes gym, socialising and generally enjoying life. Box 897436

## PROFESSIONAL

Gentle, kind, laid-back, caring 61" male, 40, looking for friendship with hopes for a special future. Enjoys going out, staying in, music, gigs, art, etc. Box 925458

## CARING

Single dad, 41, 5'10", average build, younger looking. WLTW lady for friendship evenings out and maybe more. Recently quit smoking! East Sussex. Box 963530

## ASHFORD

Attractive guy, nice to be with, laid back, I'm 41, 5'8, mediumstocky build, brown hair. Own business and enjoys walks, puns, wine, restaurants, cinema. Box 437725

## ALL THINGS

BRIGHTON BEAUTIFUL Intelligent male, 43, 5'9", GSOH, honest, caring, loving male, 48, 5'5", good wine, socialising, seeks sincere, attractive female, 28-40s, for initial friendship, fun, hopefully more. Brighton. Box 437707

## LOVE A GOOD TIME

Caring male, 43, separated, seeks female for friendship, company, likes socialising and generally enjoying life, theatre, cinema, WLTW female for potential LTR interest! Box 898705

## A FINE ROMANCE

Easygoing, attractive, affectionate man, 43, enjoys cinema, cosy nights in, music, seeking an attractive lady for friendship/relationship. Box 432272

## CONSIDERATE

Easygoing, laid-back, young looking/aging male, 42, looking for fun, 28-45, for fun, laughs, friendship, romance and good times. Box 925660

## HELLO YOU

Fun-loving man, 46, GSOH, outgoing, friendly, seeks a caring woman who still has the zest for life for mutual affection and relationship. Box 895912

## MEN'S SPOTLIGHT

### HAVE MUCH TO OFFER

23yr old guy, 6ft, medium build, dark blonde hair and blue eyes, enjoys puns, cinema, walks, keeping fit, seeking like-minded guy for friendship and more. Box 893423

### BEING WITH YOU

54yr old young-at-heart, loving woman, I am hoping to meet a kindred spirit who loves animals, going for walks and the romantic side of life. Box 900143

### COMPUTER THIS

Laid-back guy, 24, with a GSOH, seeks easy-going, attractive girl, between 18-35, for friendship, possible relationship. Box 902840

### MATURE IS PURER

Hi there, Mike, 29, 6ft, dark hair, loves going out and having fun, love sport, theatre, cinema, seeking woman, 35-50, for fun, hassle-free friendship. Box 437021

### STRICTLY FOR YOU

Single male, 36 years old, looking for an engaging, independent lady for fun/love. Box 903237

### HUMOROUS

Fun-loving, edgy, fit, intelligent, honest male, 30s, 6'4", loves to cook and laugh, very loyal, looking for honest woman for fun and who knows? Box 819373

### JUST THE TWO OF US

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# Ashton hits the comedy jackpot in Vegas caper

BY KATE WHITING

IT'S refreshing to find that an actor who has you in stitches on screen is equally entertaining in person – and Ashton Kutcher is certainly good company.

The 30-year-old Dude, Where's My Car? star is back on fine comedy form in What Happens In Vegas, alongside the ever-bubbly Cameron Diaz, and in jovial mood when we meet.

"I had wanted to work with Cameron before, she just wouldn't work with me," he says, joking. "I don't know if she will again!"

Dressed in a white shirt and tie, with a navy cricket jumper, the handsome actor remembers the slightly awkward first time he met his co-star.

"I saw her backstage at one of those awards shows, like seven years ago, and I was like, 'Whoa ... she's hot!'"

"She's funny, too. I was really enamoured, so much so that I don't think I was able to say any words when I talked to her. I think I just made noises and then walked away."

In a twist on the American adage 'What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas', Ashton and Cameron play a mismatched pair who have to face the consequences of a drunken night out in Sin City when they return home to New York.

Somehow, while heavily under the influence, they get married and then win \$3 million on a slot machine.

A nasty court case quickly ensues, as they try to legally split with a share of the spoils, until the judge orders them to do six months "hard marriage".

It may sound like a blast, but Ashton apparently had to be coaxed into taking the role after deciding he wasn't "in the mood to do comedy".

"I read the script and for the first 30 or 40 pages I was laughing out loud really hard, over and over. When that happens you have to stop

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and say, 'Hang on, something's working here,'" he continues.

It seems Cameron, who is not promoting the film with Ashton because of the recent death of her father, was a big contributing factor to his enjoyment on set.

He says: "I've never met a person who's so up for everything. She sees that glass so half full it might be spilling out the top. And being around her just makes your life better. She's one of those people."

Ashton was born in Iowa and his parents divorced when he was 13. He attended the University of Iowa, where he was spotted by a model talent scout and in 1997 was signed to an agency in New York.

He landed a role in TV sit-com That 70s Show the following year, which launched his showbiz career and opened the way to comic film roles.

He started producing, and presenting, TV shows such as MTV's Punk'd through his company Katalyst Films and in 2005, married actress Demi Moore, who is 15 years his senior.



**HEY DUDE:** Ashton Kutcher stars with Cameron Diaz in the comedy What Happens In Vegas

But the age gap between them doesn't even register, he says. "All my friends were always a little bit older," he explains.

"I spent a lot of time with my mum and her friends when I was young I was always more interested in adult conversation, so maybe I just have a thing, I don't know."

"I like adults, grown-ups, I guess."



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## YOUR TV REVIEW

BY TOM BETTS



### DEAL OR NO DEAL

Channel 4, 4.15pm, weekdays

**DEAL** Or No Deal is either the best 45 minutes of television of all time or the worst.

Either way, it's a fascinating affair that everyone should be made to sit through at least once in their life.

By law. The game itself is a strange undertaking and for those who've not yet had the pleasure, here's the, er, deal.

Each time, one of 20-odd over-enthusiastic/weird contestants pick random boxes in turn to try and uncover a huge life-changing amount of cash.

Through a combination of getting carried away with the thrill of being on TV and the delusion they are in a lucky place that day, most ruin their own chances by rejecting big cash offers from The Banker (or as I like to call him, Noel Edmonds' imagination) until they cut and run or get greedy and carry on.

The random element alone makes this a bizarre concept, but then there's an amped up family atmosphere among the contestants.

Jenny knows Bob and has already met his wife Kim.

Meanwhile, Georgette is now Bessie mates with Paul, even though they only met in the parking lot of a Travelodge, three hours before the recording.

For a group of people who, I take it, stay in a hotel while all the filming takes place, they all seem awfully close.

At one point last week I thought Jimmy was going to French kiss Cathy when she opened her box to reveal a blue 50p sign.

All a bit odd when most of us couldn't pick our next door neighbours out



**TV GOLD?:** Love it or hate it, Noel's Deal Or No Deal remains bizarrely entertaining

of a police line-up.

Set all this to an eerie, piano-tinkling soundtrack that wouldn't sound out of place in a slasher movie and you have a very spooky affair – and I haven't even mentioned Noel Edmonds yet.

Clad in finest Tommy Saxondale jeans and creeping his way eerily along what can only be described as a self-assembly Ikea runway, he whispers and fawns his way through the 60 minutes like some kind of demented ghost.

A special mention must go to Noel's shirts which are becoming legendary (I've considered setting up a website).

The man who became known for his hideous knits in the 80s has now moved on to the most spectacularly awful shirts known to man.

I swear people must be sending them in.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



### AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

**AN** urge to put down roots could prompt you to change your solitary ways. However your situation changes, it will result in more money. Forget all of the assumptions you had about what a home should look like. You should know you can make any situation fit your needs. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



### TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

**YOUR** leadership abilities have never been stronger. People find comfort in your practical, calm ways. Taking a long distance trip could be in the cards for you. There's a chance this journey will be business related. If it's not, you could find a job once you arrive at your destination. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753



### LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

**YOUR** leadership skills are obvious. People are strongly attracted to your authoritative ways. Someone's expectations of you may be totally unrealistic. It's up to you to set them straight or your friend will be disappointed and you'll feel like a failure. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756



### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

**WHETHER** you like it or not, you'll have to operate as one of a twosome. Don't make a move without consulting your partner, especially as far as finances are concerned. An elderly relative who isn't really aware of how the modern world works could give you some silly advice. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



### PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

**USUALLY** you're pretty reluctant to share your thoughts with others. That won't be the case this week. People are eager to hear your opinions on a variety of topics. A disturbing dream may be a warning you need to change course. Be cautious with cash. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



### GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

**GETTING** a little peace and quiet should be your first priority. You're a social person by nature, but even you have your limits. Legal matters have a way of going awry. If at all possible, see if you could get a decision postponed to next week. An investment could pay off handsomely. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754



### VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

**ADOPTING** a philosophical approach to life is the best course of action. If something goes wrong, remember that every cloud has a silver lining. If you're having difficulty with a partner, let him or her take the lead. Your impulse to control things is causing you unnecessary stress. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

**ORGANISATION** isn't your strong suit, but that doesn't matter this week. Somehow, you will be expected to make order out of chaos. You might find an ally in an offbeat relative. Although utterly scatterbrained, they are actually quite good at organising. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



### ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

**THERE'S** a profit to be made at every turn. Your challenge will be finding the opportunities that are best suited to your talents. Be sure to present this brainstorm to an important official. Don't share your plans with cynics who will undermine your enthusiasm. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



### CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

**YOU'RE** sure to be finding friends at every turn. People with exotic backgrounds are especially entranced by you. If you're single, you could meet your soul mate on this journey. A refund or dividend could be delayed. Be as resourceful as possible with your existing money. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



### LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

**YOU** attract admiring glances like honey draws bees. This is your big chance to lure your beloved into a web of intrigue. If you're already in a relationship, this would be a good time to buy a home or move to a bigger place. Let your partner do the negotiating. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

**YOUR** creative juices are flowing freely. There's never been a better time to launch a blog, write a story, or compose a piece of music. Inspiration seems to come out of thin air. The more you express your artistic side, the easier it will be to find love. Be wary of a financial deal. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Capricorn** 09067-531761

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- 9 Indistinct (4)
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## PROPERTY NEWS

### First-timers take risky loans to get deposit for home

A NUMBER of first-time buyers are using unsecured loans and credit card debt to finance a house purchase deposit, according to a recent survey.

New research from IAmMoving.com finds three in ten first-time buyers used such method to raise the necessary cash.

However, a further 42 per cent of those who are in the process of buying, or have just bought, are taking the safest option of using savings to pay the deposit.

The IAmMoving survey found 13 per cent of first-time buyers were taking out an unsecured loan or credit card debt to raise the deposit, which is likely to be around £10,000 to £20,000.

Meanwhile, a further 17 per cent were borrowing from friends or family.

The survey also finds, although 100 per cent mortgages have been withdrawn by all lenders, seven per cent of first-time buyers going through the process already had such a deal in place.

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### We need to build more in towns claims federation

PLANNING rules should be amended so that every town can have new building taking place, according to the Federation of Master Builders.

The group's director Brian Berry said he felt this would be the best way to ensure the need for new homes was met.

The federation has stated its opposition to the creation of new "eco-towns", claiming such developments will not prove sufficient to cope with the expanding population of the UK.

Mr Berry said: "What we need is high quality housing in every village and town, and that is much more sustainable than building new settlements that are deemed to be eco-towns."

The federation has questioned whether eco-towns are sufficient to meet the Government's demands for development in housing and Mr Berry called them "unsuitable" and "unsustainable".



**SINGLE JOYS:** There will be 9.9 million people living on their own by 2026, a rise of 53 per cent, according to research carried out by Alliance & Leicester Mortgages

## South east homes must cater for more singletons

THE number of people living alone will increase by more than half over the next two decades – according to a new study.

The South East is set to see the biggest rise in "singletons".

It seems an Englishman's home will always be his castle – be it for only one person in 2026.

A report by Alliance & Leicester Mortgages predicts the number of one person households will increase by 53 per cent to 9.9 mil-

■ BY NICK AMES

lion by 2026 – equivalent to three quarters of the total annual household growth over the next two decades.

The Changing UK Household Market report was compiled in liaison with think-tank Centre of Future.

It also projected a decrease in the numbers of people living as part of a traditional family unit with 2.4 children.

The percentage increase in one-person homes means property developers will have to adapt to the changing household make-up.

More than 200,000 extra new properties are needed each year to 2026 to cope with the influx of "living loners".

This demand could be fulfilled by building or conversions such as city-centre loft living.

Stephen Leonard, director of mortgages at Alliance & Leicester, said: "Our Changing UK Household Market report shows the demand for housing

will increase over the next 20 years.

"Interestingly, the pressure will come from the changing make-up of households, as we see more people living on their own and the concept of the traditional family home steadily being eroded.

"We can expect to see an increase in flats and converted houses in the future due to the rise in the one person household, as understandably, people living on their own will be less likely to splash out on a larger property."

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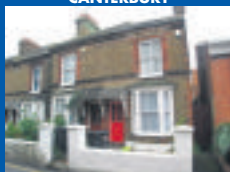
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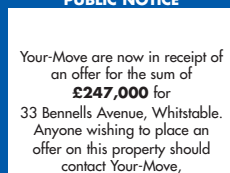
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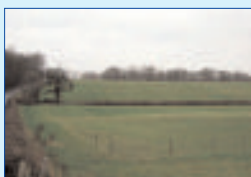
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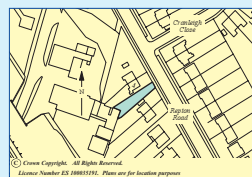
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## MOTORS NEWS



### Touring car win shows Seat's got diesel power

SEAT has scored the first ever British Touring Car Championship win by a diesel. The victorious Leon hatchback uses the same low emission 2.0-litre turbodiesel that attracts 71 per cent of Leon sales and averages nearly 50mpg.

Barratts' Seat of Canterbury dealer principal, Mark Nicholas, said: "Seat's success with diesel power in the BTCC will help us make further in-roads into converting people to clean fuel-efficient diesel cars. Seat is a youthful, sporty brand and performance is paramount to many of our customers."



### Toyota Aygo says blue is cool colour to have

SUMMER special time is here and Toyota is fast out of the blocks with the Aygo Blue – a top of the range colour-coordinated version of its city car star.

It comes with a high specification plus options to add premium accessory packs from £335.

Combined with the standard Aygo's ability to average around 60mpg and qualify for just £35/year road tax, this luxury three or five-door baby (from £7,995) could be the answer for would-be downsizers keen to retain their creature comforts and some style.



### Spider is offering you more for your money

ALFA Romeo has announced a head-turning £25,500 Alfa Spider Limited Edition with £3,000 of extras at no additional cost, including Italian 'Frau' leather seats and hands-free system with voice recognition and media player.

Other features include 19-inch alloys and electrically adjustable and heated memory front seats and door mirrors and bespoke colours 'Carbonio black' and 'Ghiaccio white' – the latter reflecting the resurgence of white as a choice.

• See Steve Loader's Motors TV report on the Alfa Spider at [www.carsforkent.co.uk](http://www.carsforkent.co.uk).



**LITTLE GEM:** Vauxhall has brought the Agila up-to-date with some unique interior trimming and more engine choice, including a petrol unit carried over from other GM models

# Vauxhall's boxing clever with their all-new Agila

VAUXHALL sells more boxes than its rivals.

Boxes being shorthand for 'monocabs' or MPVs (multi-purpose vehicles) where, along with the bigger Meriva and Zafira, the previous Agila helped Vauxhall to a fifth of this car sector in the UK.

Not bad going considering that the old Agila was pretty awful – a re-badged Suzuki design well past its sell-by date.

Imagine what Vauxhall could do with an Agila that is bang up-to-date and looks less like a wheelie bin toppled by strong winds?

We are about to find out, because a new Agila (from £7,595) blew into showrooms this month and Vauxhall parent General Motors has had more input this time, contributing space-engineering skills gathered from the Zafira and Meriva, while Suzuki donated the excellent Swift supermini platform.

Though Suzuki is also selling the car as the Splash, the Agila has some unique interior trimming and more engine choice, including a three-cylinder 63bhp 1.0-litre petrol unit carried over from other GM models.

Like most 'three-pots' it has an uneven beat

## ROAD TEST VAUXHALL AGILA

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

at lower speeds and under acceleration, but does not disgrace itself in the Agila and there is also a 73bhp 1.3 turbodiesel, but this is not expected to take more than six per cent of sales.

The best all-rounder though is our test car here, the four-cylinder 84bhp 1.2 petrol, expected to be the top seller too with a 56 per cent sales slice.

All three engines are frugal with low emissions though, qualifying for £35/year band-B road tax and low insurance, with even entry-level Expression trim being reasonable.

Comfort levels are good with a well arranged and roomy interior, finished in durable and stylish colours and fabrics – Vauxhall is particularly pleased with the 'Moroccan Blue' palette not available on the rival Splash.

The car feels good on-road, being grippy and well-sprung enough to cope with the numbers and loads that its cabin should be able to hold.

I think we can rule out seeing a racy VXR version later on, but the driving experience is still light years ahead of its predecessor.

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2002	02*	Corsa Sxi	12	3	Nepal yellow	55,800	3,995	2005	55	New Zafira Life A/c	16	5	Flame red	31,650	8,995
2002	02*	Corsa ComfortAuto	14	5	Petrol blue	3,900	4,495	<b>VECTRA</b>							
2004	04	Corsa Energy E/T	12	3	Silver lightening	30,600	4,795	2001	51*	Vectra Estate Sxi	1.8	5	Black sapphire	77,000	3,395
2005	05	Corsa Sxi	12	3	Ultra blue	22,000	5,695	2001	51*	Vectra CDX Estate	2.6	5	Polar sea blue	56,450	3,595
2005	55	Corsa Sxi A/c	12	3	Black sapphire	27,050	6,175	2005	05	Vectra Design Auto	2.2	5	Ultra blue	11,750	7,995
2007	57	New Corsa Club A/c	12	3	Star silver	5,950	8,650	2005	05	Vectra Sri	2.2	5	Star silver	30,550	7,995
2007	07	Corsa Design CDTi	17D	3	Air blue	14,550	10,995	2007	07	Vectra Sri CDTi (150ps)	19D	5	Black sapphire	8,750	15,995
2007	07	Corsa Club	12	3	Air blue	5,800	7,995	2007	07	Vectra Design	1.8	5	Star silver	12,650	9,995
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2007	07	Corsa Club CDTi	13D	5	Black sapphire	4,425	8,495	2007	57	Vectra CDTi Design Estate	19D	5	Star silver	11,650	14,995
2007	57	New Corsa Club Auto	14	5	Air blue	11,175	9,995	<b>OTHER MODELS</b>							
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2003	03*	Signum Elegance	2.2	5	Oyster	50,375	5,995	2007	07	Tigra Exclusiv Red	14	5	Metro blue	10,925	11,995
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#### SEAT TOLEDO



SEAT's latest Toledo is radically different from its predecessor, but neither costs much as a used buy. The 1999-2005 saloon spin-off from the VW Golf-based Leon hatchback was good, but booted cars in the Golf/Focus sector are unpopular with UK buyers. So Seat pitched the next Toledo into the growing MPV sector... but kept the boot, so the styling is not to everyone's taste. The diesel engine options and driving experience are tempting though.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
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PRICING and good specifications have always been the Laguna's best assets. It has never been a class leader in any area, but buyers cannot resist a bargain – new or used. Through three generations this company car hack with a touch of French charm, has also been offered as a hatch or sporty estate with some good diesel engines. However, a reputation for lower than average reliability – particularly on the electrics front – is reflected by lowly used values.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### NISSAN PRIMERA



NISSAN axed the Primera last year, but the old car will live on for some time – a tribute to the durability that has made it a minicab legend. No, the Primera never quite shook off the label 'boring' – even though the final car was distinctively styled, to say the least – but it is a by-word for reliability and a good drive too, with the final estate design being a stylish load carrier. Lots of engine choices include Renault-inspired diesels.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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**A4, 1.9TDI 130 SE ESTATE**, 2003, blue m with grey cloth, 67000 miles, £3950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**A4, 1.9 TDI 130 SE [6]**, 4dr, 12260772, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, climate control, cruise control, electric front windows, electric windows, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, alloy wheels, silver, 50017 miles, £3999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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**ARNAGE**, red label auto, 2001, biennial silver with black leather, 5000 miles, £44950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

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**3 SERIES**, 2002, grey, 62694 miles, £9995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

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**C2, 1.1i LX 3dr**, 2004, 1.1i 11 3dr hatch, blue, 36000 miles, £3495, Wilmoth Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

**C3, 1.4i SX 5dr Auto**, 2004, 1.4i sx 5dr auto hatch, silver, 30770 miles, £6495, Wilmoth Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

**C3, 1.6i 16V SX 5dr Auto**, 2005, 1.6i 16v sx 5dr auto hatch, normally green, 13568 miles, £7995, Masters Citroen, Penze, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

**XSARA PICASSO**, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, air conditioning, electric front windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, light blue, met, 19043 miles, £7499, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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**NUBIRA 4 door saloon**, 06/2000, 1.6 p se met july 08, 0 miles, £500, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**LANOS, 1.4 S Hatchback 3d** 1349cc, w583vln, new met very clean cheap tax & insurance, green, 33935 miles, £1495.00, DCD Autos, ASHFORD, 01233 642211 (TRADE)

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**FIAT DUCATO 14.2 d**, j02, 02/2002, 14 seats minibus rohlil tri axle 40.000 miles tailift air suspension ex council ideal camper conversion, £7995, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**MAREA, TD 100 SX WEEKEND**, 1998, red, 106000 miles, £395, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**PUNTO, ELX 16V**, 2000, met green, 0 miles, £2495, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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**FORD CONNECT**, 04/2004, £200 1.8 tdi 75 ps s/w met red lined 49.000 miles, £4495, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**FORD MONDEO ESTATE**, 08/1998, 1.6 ix metallic silver 58.000 miles met sep 08 air con, £395, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**Fiesta, 1.25 FINESSE 3dr**, 19/03/2004, cd player driver airbag power steering immobiliser, red, 63664 miles, £4299, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

**Fiesta, LX**, 2001, radiant red, 56000 miles, £2000, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01232 281525 (TRADE)

**Fiesta**, 3dr, 2002, owl, rear wash/wipe, central locking, height adjustable seat, radio cassette, sunroof, air bag, power steering, cloth

upholstery, alloy wheels, blue, 22100 miles, £3495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8555 4000 (TRADE)

**FOCUS, 1.6 Flight 3dr**, g152zh, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, driver airbag, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cass, silver, 37000 miles, £5000, SMC Ford Gravesend, Gravesend, 0844 5762452 (TRADE)

**FOCUS, 2.0 TDI TITANIUM 5dr** [Euro 4] 2005 - 2007, 08/06/2007, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, blue, 3879 miles, £13999, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

**KA, 1.3i Studio [70]** 3dr, g0f80x, silver, 11 miles, £5950, Lifestyle Ford Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 0844 8446514 (TRADE)

**HONDA**

**ACCORD, CDI EXECUTIVE**, 2005, trim: leather engine size: 2200 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, grey, 33000 miles, £11995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

**CR-V, - 2.0 i-VTEC SE SPORT 5dr**, 847649, honda cr-v 2.0 i-vtec se sport 5dr honda honda ashford drake & fletcher silver, 2004, 43969 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £8250, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

**JAZZ, - 1.4i-DSI SE 5dr**, 984649, honda jazz 1.4i-4i se 5dr honda honda ashford drake & fletcher blue, 2005, 23776 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, blue, £7990, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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**S-TYPE, 3.0 V6 SE**, 2001, central locking front electric windows air conditioning power steering drivers airbag alloy wheels immobiliser, star silver, 53000 miles, £5000, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

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**PICANTO, 1.0i GS Hatchback 5dr**, 05/2005, central locking electric windows pas was £4495 now £4295, silver, 19,000 miles, £4295, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

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cloth upholstery, 4x4, road tax for this vehicle is £185 per year, conston green, 109000 miles, £7495, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

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**323F SE**, 2000, silver, 41000 miles, £3995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

**MX-5, 2.0i 2dr**, 243649, mazda mx-5 2.0i 2dr mazda tunbridge wells drake & fletcher silver, 2007, 4946 miles, manual, petrol, 2 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £13495, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

**MX-5, 1.8i Sport 2dr**, fe53bn, abs, air bag, twin air bags, alarm, full leather, electric front windows, cd player, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, alloy wheels, metallic blue, 14853 miles, £7999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

**MX-5, 1.8i 2dr**, 122463127, abs, air bag, twin air bags, alarm, central locking, electric front windows, electric windows, cd player, electric mirrors, met grey, 9774 miles, £11299, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

**RX8, - 231PS**, 987649, 2003, 30723 miles, manual, petrol, 4 doors, 2 previous owners, red, £10495, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

**MG**

**MGR**, alarm, central locking, immobiliser, locking wheel nuts, half leather, head restraints, lumbar support, sports seats, power steering, electric front windows, air conditioning, radio cassette, alloy wheels, silver, 26612 miles, £4495, Saunders Abbott, Sidcup, 020 8300 2450 (TRADE)

**MGR**, TI 1.8 Convertible, 997649, mg mgf ti 1.8 convertible mazda mazda maidstone drake & fletcher blue, 2002, 69000 miles, manual, petrol, 2 doors, 3 previous owners, blue, £4489, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

**TF, 11i Sports**, a004xs, electric front windows, radio cassette, air bag, abs, power steering, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, silver, 15700 miles, £3495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8555 4000 (TRADE)

**ZR, 105 Trophy SE 3dr**, 521461, remote central locking, half leather, air conditioning, cd player, immobiliser, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, head restraints, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, radio, 16" alloys, aluminium silver, 29000 miles, £5999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**ZR, +120 Stepped 3dr**, gk05 xdp, front fog lamps, rear spoiler, rear wash/wipe, sports seats, half leather, electric mirrors, electric front windows, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, air conditioning, cd player, radio, air bag, remote central locking, remote alarm, immobiliser, alloy wheels, blue, 35000 miles, £5995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8555 4000 (TRADE)

**ZT, 2.5 190 4dr**, 01/03/2003, cd player abs alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, blue, 21860 miles, £5699, Invicta Motors, Ramsgate, 01843 853555 (TRADE)

**ZT-T, 2.5 190, vu03up**, alarm, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, lumbar support, sports seats, adjustable steering column, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, trip computer, abs, child locks, side air bags, twin air bags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, roof rails, electric mirrors, electric windows, dual climate zones, multi-disc cd player, radio cassette, alloy wheels, silver, 71000 miles, £4990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

**MINI**

**COOPER**, 5dr, silver, 7086 miles, £15495, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

**COOPER S**, John Cooper Works 210, 1003373974, immobiliser, remote central locking, colour coded interior, half leather, height adjustable seat, lumbar support, sports seats, adjustable steering column, power steering, stability control, abs, side air bags, twin air bags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rear spoiler, rear wash/wipe, xenon headlights, headlamp jetwash, electric front windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, 17" alloys, metallic grey, 63000 miles, £10490, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

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**MINI**, 1.8 Convertible, 997649, mg mgf ti 1.8 convertible mazda mazda maidstone drake & fletcher blue, 2002, 69000 miles, manual, petrol, 2 doors, 3 previous owners, blue, £4489, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

**LANCER, 1.8 GS3 4dr** CVT, b08zrf, 1000 miles, £15994, SMC Mitsubishi Erith, Erith, 0844 5762449 (TRADE)

**NISSAN**

**MICRA**, Celebration Ltd Edn, 2000, celebration special editions: manual 3 door, green, body coloured bumpers: driver's airbag: folding rear seats: front head restraints: immobiliser: lexix cloth seat anchor points:cassette radio: pas: fsh: recent servicing/low mot: low insurance: great condition: green, 29000 miles, £1650, Folkestone, 01303 240796 (PRIVATE)

**ALMERA, 1.5 S 5dr**, 2004, 1.5 s 5dr hatch, gold, 30275 miles, £4995, Masters Citroen, Penze, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

**NISSAN PRIMASTAR 2700 SE**, 09/2006, 1.9 dtd 100 s/wb elec windows 6 speed cd blue 5.000 miles as new, £9695, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

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**106, XN 3dr**, 438461, cloth upholstery, rear wash/wipe, air bag, radio cassette, red, 72000 miles, £1299, Sheahams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**306, LX 5dr**, cloth upholstery, central

locking, power steering, electric windows, air conditioning, air bag, head restraints, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, blue, 99000 miles, £1799, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**307, Rapier**, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, power steering, air conditioning, electric windows, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, head restraints, cd player, aluminium silver, 75000 miles, £3999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**307, LX 5dr**, g152zk, remote central locking, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, air conditioning, electric windows, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, cd player, radio, blue, 42000 miles, £3999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**307, 1.6 Convertible**, 948649, peugot 307 1.6 convertible hyundai ashford drake & fletcher black, 2005, 9205 miles, manual, petrol, 2 doors, 1 previous owners, black, £10690, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

**307, 2.0 CC**, 2005, trim: leather engine size: 2000 transmission: manual no. of doors: 2, agian blue, 30000 miles, £10495, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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**911 CARRERA 4**, 2002, meridian silver with blue leather, 46000 miles, £29950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**911 TURBO, 3.6 manual**, 2003, black metallic with black leather, 17800 miles, £49950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**CAYMAN, 3.4 S 2dr**, 3.4 s 2dr coupe, 26000 miles, £33995, Wilmoth Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

**RENAULT KANGOO SL17 70 +**, 01 2006, 1.5 dci side door met silver elec pack 41.000 miles fsh manufacturers warranty, £4975, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**RENAULT TRAFFIC T1100**, 04 1996, 1.9 s/wb met aug 2008 no vat, 0 miles, £750, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**CLIO, New Clio Dynamique 1.4 5dr**, 2007, trim: cloth engine size: 1400 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, mercury, 11598 miles, £3799, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

**MEGANE, MONACO**, 2000, new power hood, leather upholstery, radio, 6 cd player, elec windows, air con, air bags, reluctant sale, vgc, blue, 61000 miles, £3400, kent, 01303 863644 (PRIVATE)

**MEGANE, SPORT 225**, 2005, trim: leather engine size: 2000 transmission: manual no. of doors: 3, extreme orange, 20400 miles, £11995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

**SCENIC, DYNAMIQUE 1.6**, 2006, trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, flame red, 9100 miles, £3995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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**200, 216 CABRIOLET**, 1997, grey, 0 miles, £1295, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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**ALTO, 1.1 GL Hatchback 5dr**, 54/2005, pas central locking electric windows, bright red, 15,000 miles, £3895,

**200, 216 Cabriolet**, 1997, grey, 0 miles, £1295, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**26, L automatic 3dr**, gn52pkd, immobiliser, power steering, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, radio, gold, 25000 miles, £3499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**25 1.6, XL Auto (leather)**, 2001, blue, 54477 miles, £3495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

**400, 2.0 16v Si Hatchback 5d** 1994cc, 11999, remote central locking, electric mirrors, electric windows, srs airbag, radio cassette, air conditioning, 5 speed gearbox, metallic red, miles, £1995, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

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**9-3 VECTOR**, 2005, trim: cloth engine size: 1900 transmission: automatic no. of doors: 5, pearl black, 34700 miles, £12795, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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**ALTEA, 2.0 TDI SPORT 5dr** DSG, 10/01/2006, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, blue, 23475 miles, £3499, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

**IBIZA, 1.2 Ref Hatchback 3dr**, 57/2007, pas electric windows remote c/locking, black, 3,000 miles, £7495, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**LEON**, 2006, luna grey, 13195 miles, £12495, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

**LEON, 1.5TDI STYLANCE Hatchback 5dr**, 08/2008, climate control cruise control alloy wheels rear parking sensors & much more!!! black magic, 1,000 miles, £14,445, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

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**FORTWO, PURE 61**, 2006, white black with grey, 19000 miles, £4995, LUM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

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**FORESTER, - XT TURBO**, 1040649, subaru forester xt turbo honda honda maidstone drake & fletcher gold, 2004, 69000 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 2 previous owners, £6999, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

**IMPREZA, WRX TURBO**, 2004, red, 38000 miles, £10995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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**Cheriton Motor House**, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**JIMNY, 1.6i MODE 4X4 3dr**, 54/2004, leather seats alloy wheels electric windows central locking blue & silver, 39,500 miles, £4995, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**SWIFT, 1.5 GLX Hatchback 5dr**, 05/2005, alloy wheels keyless entry fog lights a/c on pas electric windows was £7395 now £6995, silver, 32,000 miles, £6995, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**TOYOTA**

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**CELICA, VVTi**, 2006, red, 20000 miles, £11495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

**MR2, 2.0**, 369461, full leather, power steering, central locking, abs, air bag, electric windows, twin sunroofs, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, stereo, electric mirrors, uk supplied, 15" alloys, 73000 miles, £4499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**RAV-4, 2.0 6X 5dr** auto, g02jfd, abs, air bag, twin air bags, alarm, air conditioning, electric front windows, electric windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, alloy wheels, crystal silver, 39000 miles, £7999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)



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**Application Close Date:** 16th May 2008  
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For further information and an application form contact Human Resources, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT. Telephone Sittingbourne (01795) 417414 (24 hour voice mail) quoting reference number 306HO1.

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Thanet's Democratic Services team manages committee and electoral services. It is currently running several key projects, including the imminent replacement of the Council's committee document management system, updating the constitution and improving the management of the decision-making process. A recent review has resulted in the decision to fill a vacant post and recruit a new manager within the team.

**Committee Services Manager**  
**£29,307 - £34,320 per annum**

Under the guidance of the Democratic Services Manager, this new post will be responsible for managing a small team of officers providing committee services and implementing the above projects. Applicants need to be educated to degree-level (or equivalent), and have considerable experience of committee services, including management experience.

**Democratic (or Senior Democratic) Services Officer**  
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For an informal discussion about this post, please contact Glenn Back, Democratic Services Manager, on 01843 577187


**Closing Date: Friday, 23 May 2008**  
**Interview Date: Tuesday, 10 or Thursday, 12 June 2008**

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You will be outstanding and experienced practitioners, possessing excellent interpersonal and communication skills as these will be crucial to achievement in this significantly multi-agency, cross sector environment.

Kent is seeking to appoint candidates on a part-time basis to work in one centre, or alternatively on a full-time basis to work across two centres. Ref: CFE/08/0172.

If you would like further information about these exciting posts please contact in the first instance Dion Darley on 01622 626761 or email dion.darley@kent.gov.uk

Closing date: Midday, 22 May 2008.

Interviews to be held week commencing 16 June 2008.

## Education Welfare Officer

Starting salary £20,061, with progression through

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The ability to travel is essential as visiting schools and homes etc is essential to the work. Ref: CFE/08/0184.

For further information about the post, please contact Debbie Spice, District & Court Co-ordinator, Attendance & Behaviour Service on 01233 898673.

Closing date: Midday, 15 May 2008.

## Joy Lane Children's Centre, Whitstable

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Beware – life is only going to get longer

HALF of people in the South East say they were only expecting to live to the same age as their parents' generation while over one in ten even expected to have a shorter life-span, according to Life Trust insurance company.

It is concerned they are not aware they are likely to live far longer than their parents' generation and should be preparing to finance this.

A man aged 40 today has a higher than one in three chance of living to 90, and a four per cent chance of living to 100, while a woman aged 40 today has a one in two chance of living to 90, and a one in 10 chance of living to 100. There are 39,700 people in the South East aged 90 or above.

### Touch and go as F1 team plane flies in

FORMULA One motor racing bosses have become the latest clients to take advantage of business training facilities at London Ashford Airport, Lydd.

The pilot and crew of a Dassault Falcon 7X business jet, owned and operated by the Formula One Management team, touched down at the Romney Marsh airport last week and carried out 'touch and go' flight training.

The executive jet is the largest to use LAA's training facilities since 1991, and is one of what LAA says is a rapidly growing number of aircraft using the airport to put pilots and crew through their paces. Recently, a Dutch-based airline spent several hours at Lydd carrying out training.

### Take action online

TWO out of every five businesses in the South East think they can only devote an hour a week or less to taking action on environmental issues, says Envirowise.

To help, it has launched an online tool – the Envirowise Publications Wizard – to search for information on sustainability quickly and efficiently. There are 620 publications on its website. Contact [www.envirowise.gov.uk/publications](http://www.envirowise.gov.uk/publications)

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# Flood is a bigger risk than fire



**DANGER:** Floods are likely to occur more often so businesses should take steps in case it happens to them

**BUSINESSES** are being advised by the Environment Agency to take some simple steps to prepare for flooding.

The call comes against a background of climate change likely to increase the risk of extreme weather events and floods.

It says small businesses are more at risk from flooding than fire – and the effects can be 30 times as costly as burglary – yet many businesses still do not have any measures in place to protect property or staff.

Last summer, nearly 7,000 businesses in other parts of the country flooded, with the total damage estimated at around £1.3 billion – but many had never flooded before.

The first step businesses should take is to find out whether their premises are in an area at risk of river or coastal flooding by using the Environment Agency's free online postcode checker.

Those who are at risk can register for the free Floodline Warnings Direct service that provides flood warnings by telephone, mobile, e-mail, fax or pager.

The Agency also encourages all businesses to use its template to develop a flood plan, as those not at risk of river or coastal flooding

can still be affected by surface water flooding.

Questions businesses should ask themselves include: Does my insurance policy cover all types of flooding? Are our staff familiar with flood safety procedures? Do we all know how to shut off gas, electric and water supplies? Can we store valuable equipment and stock above flood level?

If you know you're in a flood prone zone there are some direct steps you can take: Have a portable radio, with spare batteries; set out your car parking areas so cars and other vehicles can be moved fast; keep important paperwork, valuables, and computers on upper floors; have sandbags or flood boards ready to put in place (but make sure your property is ventilated).

Also, be ready to turn off immediately gas and electricity, and unplug and carry upstairs moveable electrical items. Perhaps it might be going too far, but if you know you could be in for a possible flooding session keeping nearby a bag with "overnight" items might be worthwhile – you could be evacuated to an emergency centre (remember many people were completely caught unawares by the suddenness of last year's floods).

Visit [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk) or call Floodline on 0845 988 1188.

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Ebbsfleet manager Liam Daish and his players talk about their FA Trophy win

# Gore Court run away with first win of season

A PARTNERSHIP of 159 between opening batsmen Neil Dexter and Chris Piesley set Gore Court on their way to a big victory in the first league match of the season.

The pair hit 23 boundaries to put the home side in control at The Grove, before succumbing to Robert Goatham's bowling in quick succession.

A wobble in the middle order saw Court lose four wickets for 21 runs, but a half century from Kevin Jones added more pressure on the visitors. Christian Marsh and Martin McCague bolstered the score with useful runs late on in the innings.

In reply, Sandwich struggled as soon as

## CRICKET

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Philip Edwards dismissed Michael Beaumont.

Wickets fell at regular intervals as only three batsmen made it into double figures. Sandwich were bowled out for just 89 in the 32nd over, giving Gore Court victory by 204 runs.

Neil Dexter followed up his 76 with 5-23 to be the pick of Gore Court's bowling attack. Alex Edwards also performed well with the ball, taking 3-23.

Court will be looking to build on their good start to the season when they visit Sevenoaks Vine this Saturday.



Picture: CHRIS RECAN

GREAT START: Gore Court began the season with a resounding win

### Kent Cricket League Premier First XI

Gore Court CC - 1st XI v Sandwich Town CC - 1st XI

#### Gore Court

	Runs
Neil Dexter ct Bradley b Goatham	76
Chris Piesley st Wellard b Goatham	80
Steve Marsh b Goatham	5
Kevin Jones ct Snell b K Beaumont	54
Neville Talbot ct Beaumont b K Beaumont	6
Christian Marsh ct Wellard b K Beaumont	26
Martin McCague Not out	41
Philip Edwards Not out	0
Extras (1b 3w 1nb) 5	
Total (6 wickets 55 ovs)	293

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Spanton	11	1	50	0
Evans	9	2	48	0
Goatham	15	1	47	3
Bradley	4	0	36	0
Snell	6	0	34	0
K Beaumont	10	0	77	3

#### Sandwich Town

	Runs
Michael Beaumont ct Marsh b Edwards	9
Stuart Smith ct McDonald b Edwards	20
Kevin Beaumont ct Marsh b Edwards	3
David Draper ct Jones b Dexter	29
Steve Wellard LBW b Dexter	5
Craig Snell LBW b Dexter	0
Gary Burgess ct Marsh b Edwards	0
Robert Goatham Not out	10
Daniel Evans LBW b Dexter	0
Craig Spanton ct Marsh b McDonald	1
Jack Bradley ct Jones b Dexter	5
Extras (1lb 3w 3nb) 7	
Total All out (31.4 ovs)	89

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Hussain	8	0	23	0
P Edwards	7	2	13	1
Dexter	8.4	2	23	5
A Edwards	5	1	23	3
McDonald	3	1	6	1

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

### KENT CRICKET LEAGUE DIVISION THREE 1ST XI

HSBC, Kent - 1st XI v Minster (Sheppey) - 1st XI

MINSTER scraped past HSBC to win their opening game in a low-scoring encounter in New Beckenham.

Nathan Nichol took 4-43 to help restrict the hosts to 144 all out, but the Sheppey side made hard work of reaching the meagre target.

They were helped by HSBC's bowling attack, who conceded 18 precious wickets to swing the game in Minster's favour.

#### HSBC

	Runs
Perks ct Tucker b Nichol	37
Harris ct Cooper b White	9
Golbourn LBW b Cooper	17
Bate ct Nichol b Hammond	36
Slater b Nichol	6
Potter run out (Cooper) b T Juniper	5
Roberts LBW b Cooper	6
Pope b Nichol	6
Bowles b Cooper	0
Wheddon run out (Hammond)	2
Abslon not out	4
Extras 1b 8lb 7w 16	
Total All out (48.2 ovs)	144

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Nichol	15	2	43	4
White	8	1	21	1
Cooper	11	3	37	2
Hammond	14	4	34	1

#### Minster

	Runs
N Hosken ct Golbourn b Abslon	7
A Hosken ct Bowles b Bate	2
Cooper b Golbourn	23
O'Donoghue b Bate	0
Collins ct Pope b Bate	17
Tucker ct Perks b Wheddon	18
Nichol b Bate	16
White ct Bowles b Abslon	13
Kerry b Wheddon	0
Hughes not out	23
Hammond not out	0
Extras (2b 5lb 18w 1nb) 26	
Total (9 wickets, 48.5 ovs)	145

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Bate	12	3	35	4
Abslon	8.5	1	38	2
Pope	5	0	18	0
Wheddon	15	8	20	2
Golbourn	7	1	17	1
Slater	1	0	10	0

### KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE

Farningham CC - 1st XI v Macknade - 1st XI

MACKNADE lost their opening game of the season by just seven runs in a tense affair at Farningham.

The home side reached 182-8 thanks to Chris Streetfield's 2-16 and Jamie Rignden's 2-39.

Captain Lee Rignden top scored for Macknade with 48, but when his wicket fell, so did his team's chances as Macknade ended seven short on 175 all out.

#### Farningham

	Runs
Blake ct L Rignden b J Rignden	4
Newman b Streetfield	26
J Wiles ct Streetfield b J Rignden	22
Burns ct Machin b Streetfield	0
Price b J Juniper	20
H Wiles ct Abbott b T Juniper	23
Fensom b Cook	1
Allison not out	33
Rocke b Rowcroft	17
Powell not out	9
Ward Did not bat	
Extras (10b 10lb 4w 3nb) 27	
Total (8 wickets 50 ovs)	182

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Rowcroft	10	1	37	1
Rignden	15	2	39	2
Cook	15	3	51	1
Streetfield	7	3	16	2
T Juniper	3	0	19	2

#### Macknade

	Runs
Abbott b J Wiles	18
Holmans LBW b J Wiles	0
L Rignden LBW b Price	48
Machin ct J Wiles b Price	12
Haxton ct Burns b Price	0
J Juniper b Price	1
Rowcroft b Powell	41
T Juniper LBW b Rocke	0
J Rignden ct Wiles b Price	0
Streetfield not out	28
Cook ct Newman b Powell	2
Extras (3b 7lb 15w 2nb) 27	
Total All out (49.3 ovs)	175

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
J Wiles	12	2	62	1
Rocke	8.3	2	34	1
Price	11	6	19	1
Wiles	13	3	25	5
Burns	5	0	25	2

### KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR 1ST XI

Bromley Town CC - 1st XI v Rodmersham CC 1st XI

ECONOMICAL bowling set

Rodmersham on their way to an eight-wicket victory against Bromley Town.

The hosts struggled to break free and could only post 127 from their 50 overs, with Nazoomi Azhar returning impressive figures of 3-26 from his 15 overs.

Rodmersham never looked in trouble thanks to Lee Foster's 71 and they reached their target with almost 20 overs to spare.

#### Bromley

	Runs
Betts b Bond	7
Taylor st Foster b Azhar	21
W Goodyear ct Hodgkinson b Azhar	5
T Goodyear ct Willis b Azhar	0
Armenakis run out	9
Scorer b Emmett	2
Harvis ct Foster b Emmett	0
Twose not out	48
Slamon run out	15
Howarth not out	0
Extras 4b 3lb 10w 3nb 20	
Total (8 wickets 50 ovs)	127

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Nokes	14	4	43	0
Bond	7	2	17	1
Azhar	15	7	26	3
Emmett	12	3	28	2
Bonney	2	0	5	0

#### Rodmersham

	Runs
Foster ct Armenakis	71
Cogger not out	41
Bond ct Porter b Taylor	0
Willis not out	6
Extras 7b 3w 1nb 11	
Total (2 wickets, 30.2 ovs)	129

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Goodyear	0	5	14	0
Scorer	4	1	13	0
Twose	32	0	14	0
Porter	7	2	47	0
Taylor	7	3	20	1
Betts	3	0	9	1
Armenakis	1	0	5	0

### KENT LEAGUE PREMIER - 2ND XI

Sandwich Town CC - 2nd XI v Gore Court 2nd XI

A KNOCK of 70 not out from youngster Richard Cooper saw Gore Court home as they won by six wickets.

The all-rounder, who moved from neighbours Rodmersham in the close season, opened the innings and registered a half century on his debut.

A spell of 3-48 from Paul Thorburn and an economical eight overs from Dave Crompton, restricted Sandwich to 180 all out.

#### Sandwich Town

	Runs
Lawrence b Collins	1
Goatham b Glass	0
Burgess ct Collins b Thorburn	45
Scoggins LBW b Glass	0
Burgess b Crompton	6
Chapman ct Thorburn b Cooper	20
Bolt LBW b Crompton	2
Amos not out	73
Evans ct Crompton b Thorburn	5
Summers LBW b Thorburn	0
Aldred ct Campbell b Collins	8
Extras (4b 6lb 3w 7nb) 20	
Total All out (49.5 ovs)	180

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Glass	12	2	46	2
Collins	9.5	1	33	2
Thorburn	15	3	48	3
Crompton	8	3	26	2
Cooper	5	1	17	1

#### Gore Court

	Runs
Tombs retired not out	24
Cooper not out	70
Campbell LBW b Aldred	20
Clunn ct Summers b Amos	22
Glass b Summers	11
Jones ct Lawrence b Summers	26
Pearson not out	0
Thorburn did not bat	
Collins did not bat	
Nutting did not bat	
Crompton did not bat	
Extras (2lb 1w 8nb) 11	
Total (4 wickets 40.5 ovs)	184

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Evans	6	2	21	0
Bolt	3	0	34	0
Aldred	13	3	43	1
Amos	12	0	53	1
Summers	4	0	18	2
Chapman	2.5	0	13	0

### KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE - 2ND XI

Bromley Town CC - 2nd XI v Rodmersham CC - 2nd XI

RODMERSHAM scraped home by three wickets on Saturday, thanks to an unbeaten 36 from captain Tim Newlyn.

Bromley were all out for 138 after Tony Bond recorded figures of 3-27.

Matthew Jewiss 2-20 and Jamie Horne 2-20. Rodmersham lost wickets at regular intervals despite a number of the top order getting starts, but five fours from Newlyn saw his side home with just over three overs to spare.

#### Bromley

	Runs
Hillman ct Baker b Bond	12
H Smith ct Horne b Bond	1
T Smith ct Horne b Bond	13
Neilly b Jewiss	49
S Smith b Pumfrett	12
Crisp run out	0
Bagnall b Horne	0
Constant b Jewiss	0
Morris not out	7
Jones b Horne	0
Extras (5b 8lb 10w 2nb) 25	
Total (all out wickets, 42 ovs)	138

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Bond	15	4	27	3
Horne	10	3	20	2
Pumfrett	5	1	32	1
Jewiss	6	3	20	2
Newlyn	2	0	15	0
Ansley	4	1	10	0

#### Rodmersham

	Runs
Jewiss b John Crisp	20
Horne ct Crisp b Jones	15
Ansley ct Neilly b Bagnall	16
D Pumfrett ct Neilly b Jones	6
S Pumfrett b H Smith	4
Newlyn not out	36
J Horne b H Smith	14
Jewiss ct Jones b Neilly	8
Ansley not out	5
Baker did not bat	
Bond did not bat	
Extras (15b 5lb) 20	
Total (7 wickets 46.1 ovs)	142

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Neilly	10	1	31	1
Crisp	9.1	1	32	1
Jones	14	6	28	2
Bagnall	6	4	6	1
Smith	7	1	27	2

### KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE 2ND XI

Upchurch 2nd XI v Chestfield 2nd XI

RICHARD Tolson took five wickets as Chestfield 2nd XI comfortably beat Upchurch 2nd XI by three wickets.

Tolson tore through Upchurch's top order en route to 5-9 from his 12 overs as the hosts stumbled to 127 all out.

An opening stand of 55 set Chestfield on their way and Stephen Cox carried his bat as the visitors cruised to a convincing victory.

#### Upchurch

	Runs
Etherington ct Santer b Tolson	5
Tress b Tolson	8
Sutton ct Watson b Lewis	29
Strudwick ct Lewis b Tolson	0
Collins b Tolson	0
Bowles b Tolson	0
Davies b Lewis	8
Lloyd Jnr not out	48
Willis ct Cox b Lewis	8
Pidcock b Moody-Smith	8
Lloyd Jnr not out	11
Extras (2nb) 2	
Total (9 wickets 50 ovs)	127

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
George	7	1	23	0
Tolson	12	8	9	5
Lewis	14	3	36	3
Robb	7	2	20	0
Moody-Smith	5	0	20	1
Unsure	5	1	13	0

#### Chestfield

	Runs
<b>Watson</b> ct Pidcock b Lloyd jnr	<b>36</b>
<b>Cox</b> not out	<b>43</b>
<b>Moody-Smith</b> c&b b Lloyd jnr	<b>10</b>
<b>Santer</b> run out (Willis)	<b>11</b>
<b>Robb</b> not out	<b>21</b>
<b>George</b> did not bat	
<b>Whittam</b> did not bat	
<b>Moody-Smith</b> did not bat	
<b>Unsure</b> did not bat	
<b>Lewis</b> did not bat	



# Shakey left dejected despite Brands win

## SUPERBIKES

BY TOM HOWARD

A PREMATURE end to the second race denied Shane Byrne a double win at his home track of Brands Hatch at the weekend.

The Sheppey racer was on pole after recording the fastest qualifying time at the Kent circuit when the opening round of the British Superbike Championship was cancelled due to heavy snow in April.

Weather conditions could not have been more different though at the weekend with soaring temperatures.

In the first race, Byrne moved up to second at the half way point, but two corners later a mistake from the 32-year-old saw him move back down to third.

At the second time of asking, Byrne made his move and shot past Tom Sykes for second place with another fastest lap on the 14th.

With five laps remaining, Shakey focused his sights on Crutchlow and closed the gap down to just three tenths of a second.

It didn't take long for Byrne to pass the Honda rider, as he completed the move at Surtees on lap 16 with just four laps to go before the chequered flag.

Byrne crossed the line in the first spot for his fourth win of the season and his third in a row.

In the second race he didn't have it all his own way. He once again had a slow get away from the start and was eighth by the end of the



Picture ADY KERRY

**SO CLOSE:** Shane 'Shakey' Byrne missed out on a double victory at Brands Hatch after the second race was red flagged

first lap, a full two seconds behind race leader Leon Haslam.

With six laps to go the safety car came out after a high speed accident involving Malcolm Ashley. However, just before the incident, Byrne managed to secure second place with a move past Sykes at Surtees.

Racing resumed on lap 18 but was soon red flagged as Sykes suffered a stunning engine

failure, leaving Byrne second.

He said: "Disappointment is an understatement to be honest. Coming second in the second race feels like a bad result now, the package around me is so good, I want to win every race. Whilst winning all the races is a little bit unrealistic, it is something to set your heart on. If we had the full race duration in the second, we could have come away with two wins."



**CLOSE:** Sittingbourne Crusaders (yellow front) ran Rye House close in opening fixture

## Crusaders keep House battling right to the end

### SPEEDWAY

THE OLD Gun Site hosted its first fixture of the speedway season as Sittingbourne Crusaders missed out on victory by just five points against Rye House.

It was a close encounter in the two-legged knockout match that went down to the wire, which Rye House won 47-42.

Through heats one to 11, the lead changed hands five times with another five heats shared.

Two heat wins by Dan Halsey in 11 and 13, sandwiched an impressive effort by the visitors' New Zealander, Andrew Aldridge, who held off Crusaders' top rider Jerran Hart which proved the difference.

For the Crusaders' own new Kiwi, Alex Cunningham, it was another difficult afternoon, but he made a good effort in pursuing

former Sittingbourne rider Gary Cottham and Tonbridge-born racer Lee Strudwick.

New signing, Orpington-based Barry Burchatt, is yet to appear for the Old Ferry Road side this term, so it's to Hart and their skipper Dean Felton that the Crusaders look for inspiration.

Felton top scored with 13, including a sensational last bend manoeuvre to pip Sussex starlet Rob Smith on the line in heat one. Two moments of misfortune ultimately did for the home side. Harland Cook was stopped in his pursuit of Cottham by Smith's dying bike in heat eight and Hart was denied a certain three points in the penultimate heat, when his primary chain snapped and whipped his machine literally away from beneath him.

Next up for the Crusaders is a Conference League home match against Redcar on May 25.

## Youngster to build on solid Rockingham result

### MOTOR RACING

RACER James Dixon is hoping to build on a fourth place result at Rockingham in the BARC Formula Renault Championship.

The 18-year-old from Stockbury finished fifth in both qualifying heats after missing out by just one tenth of a second.

He said: "It was an incredibly close qualifying session.

"I know I had the speed to get that extra tenth, but there was so much traffic it was hard to string a really good lap together and I missed out by the smallest of margins.

"I was happy with my pace though.

"I've learnt a lot about the car since Brands Hatch and it showed as soon as I hit the track."

In the first race, Dixon managed to move up a place to fourth, but couldn't overtake the driver in third.

In the second race he was unable to mount a charge in wet greasy conditions and finished in eighth place.

He added: "The drivers ahead of me have got two or more years of car racing experience already,



**POSITIVE:** James Dixon is determined to fight his way to the podium this season

so I'm close enough to them now to start challenging for the podium, or even my first win.

"It's certainly what I'm going to do for the rest of the season."

Dixon returns to action in the next round of the championship at Oulton Park on May 26.

## SPORT IN BRIEF



Picture ADY KERRY

**CENTURY:** Martin van Jaarsveld was in the runs

## Battling Spitfires are back on form

KENT won twice inside a week to finally show their promise in both facets of the game.

The Spitfires thrashed Sussex by nine wickets at the St Lawrence Ground on Sunday to remain on course for a quarter-final berth in the Friends Provident Trophy.

Kent reached their target of 219 with 47 balls to spare, as acting skipper Martin van Jaarsveld scored his second century of the one-day competition with an unbeaten 109, ably supported by Joe Denly who scored his first half century of the campaign with 83 not out.

The pair put on a stand of 174 as Kent scored 219-1, having lost opener Matt Walker for 22. The Sussex Sharks used eight bowlers in an effort to restrict the Spitfires, but were unable to make any inroads without inspirational leg-spinner, Mushtaq Ahmed.

Kent were without captain Rob Key who was away on England Lions duty, but Sussex suffered perhaps more so, as they were without all-rounder Luke Wright and wicketkeeper Matt Prior.

The Spitfires reduced the Sharks to 218 for nine from the 50 overs, with the wickets being shared by Yasir Arafat (2-31), James Tredwell (2-33) and Simon Cook (3-41).

Kent won their first county championship game of the season with a three wicket victory over Nottinghamshire last week. They picked up 18 points for the win to move them up to fourth in the championship.

A partnership of 71 between Arafat and Ryan McLaren steered Kent to victory, despite England strike bowler, Ryan Sidebottom's best efforts. He claimed the wickets of van Jaarsveld (63) and Geraint Jones (0) in the space of two balls to leave Kent still 85 short of victory with only four wickets remaining.

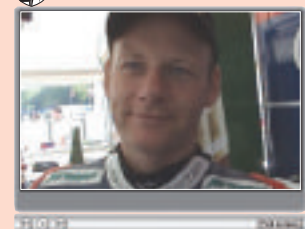
McLaren recorded figures of 6-75 in the Nottinghamshire's second innings to add to his highest score of 57 in Kent's first innings total of 202.

Kent return to action on Friday night away to the Essex Eagles.

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Shane Byrne was upset he wasn't given a chance of a double win

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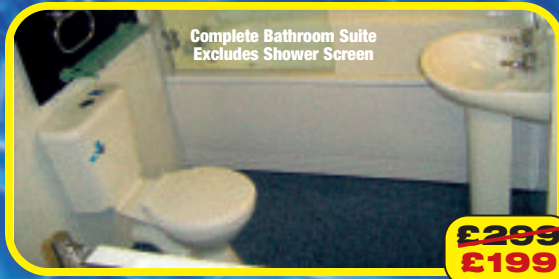
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